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AUSTRIA BREAKS RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL GOVERNMENT

By The United Press
RIO DE JANEIRO, April 13.—The Austrian minister to Brazil made a formal request for his passports today, stating that his government intended to support Germany in the Brazilian break.

There has been no let up in the demands for war by the populace of Brazil, disorders indicating increasing irritation because of the government's delay in declaring war on Germany. It is reported that another Brazilian steamship has been torpedoed by German submarines and this adds to the excitement and clamor for war.

NAVY RECRUITER DRAWS NO 1313

By The United Press
DALLAS, April 13.—"Let the first thirteen Germans I meet beware," said William Burke as he was accepted for the navy today as recruit No. 1313, and on this 13th day and Friday.

7 BILLION DOLLAR BOND ISSUE OFFERED

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The administration's seven billion dollar war bond issue bill was brought before congress today by majority Leader Kitchin. The bill is being debated on the floor of the house.

Adjutant General Died Today.
Dallas, April 13.—A. P. Wozneraft, adjutant general of state died at Newport, Arkansas, today.

SUBMARINE PLAYING IN CUBAN WATERS

By The United Press
HAVANA, April 13.—Cuban authorities denied today that they had information regarding the reports of a German submarine in the waters on both sides of the island.

However, the sinking of a British ship off Cienfuegos and in the proof that subs are operating near the Cuban waters.

FRIDAY THE 13TH TAKES DEATH TOLL

By The United Press
McALESTER, Okla., April 13.—"Friday the Thirteenth," was the ominous combination hung over the heads of three convicted murderers in the state penitentiary here today. The three men, who were all negroes, were led in quick succession to the electric chair, and made to pay for the crimes with the death penalty.

GIVE WILSON POWER TO DRAFT EMPLOYEES

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Chairman Adamson of the house interstate commission committee, introduced a bill giving President Wilson power to seize all railroads and telegraph and telephone companies in time of war and draft the employees into military service.

GUARDSMEN SHOOT AT AIRPLANE

By The United Press
PORTSMOUTH, N. H., April 13.—An airplane coming from the harbor was fired upon by the National guards stationed here today.

The guardsmen on duty at the station of the Kittery Bridge, feared the airplane was attempting to drop bombs on the bridge. The birdman changed his course and speeded up the Piscataqua river, disappearing from view high in the air. Where the aviator came from and where he was going is not known by any of the locals.

SPAIN WANTS INDEMNITY OF GERMANY FOR SINKING SHIP

By The United Press
MADRID, April 13.—The Spanish cabinet in session today approved the note demanding an indemnity from the German government for the sinking of the Spanish ship San Fulgencio. The San Fulgencio was torpedoed without warning by a German undersea boat.

TAKE STEPS TO GUARD OUR PORTS

WASHINGTON, April 13.—All of the executive departments have been turned to some means of further protecting the American shores of surprise attacks on food shipments and destruction of food at shipping points. President Wilson has issued a proclamation covering a defensive area about all harbors and important coastal points within a radius of ten miles. Hereafter no ship can come within ten miles of American harbors except certain times and then after they have been fully identified.

MINE GETS HOSPITAL VESSEL

By The United Press
LONDON, April 13.—Official announcement was made this afternoon by the British Admiralty that the hospital ship Salta struck a mine and sank in the English Channel on April 10th.

Fifty-two persons were announced dead from the mining.

J. F. McMillan left Thursday afternoon for Brownwood on a short business trip.

FAMOUS DIAMOND JIM DIES
Atlantic City, April 13.—James Buchanan Brady, New York's famous "Diamond Jim," died here this morning.

Reports German Raider is Headed For Galveston

City Teeming with Loyalites Ready to Stand By Colors

With practically every foot of space along the curbing in Ballinger today autos are parked, and there is a stir and rush in every direction. At no time in the history of this county has there been such a wave of patriotic enthusiasm. The people are rallying to the colors and stand ready to sacrifice their last drop of blood in perpetuating those principles upon which this greatest of all governments was founded.

It has been a long time since as many people assembled here for any purpose, and at no time in the history of the country were so many people brought together on such short notice. Every community in the county is represented in the crowd here today by large numbers. At two o'clock it was estimated that not less than three hundred cars from out of town were motoring over Ballinger streets or parked along the streets.

It is Ballinger's first patriotic rally, and the man who figured that patriotism was at a low ebb here figured to an error. The children are playing a big part in the program that is being carried out this afternoon. Between eight hundred and a thousand children are taking part in the rally, and Old Glory is waving over the most loyal citizenship to be found anywhere in America.

As The Ledger goes to press people are gathering on the Central school campus and packed in the streets near the campus, and are forming for the parade. Not a hitch has occurred in the perfecting of the arrangements and everything points to a successful carrying out of the program at this hour. The Ledger will give a full account of the rally in its Saturday afternoon's issue.

Winters Comes With Big Procession.
A phone message received in the city early Friday morning stated that not less than one hundred autos loaded with people would arrive in Ballinger at two o'clock and would be led through the main streets by the Winters band. According to the information gained over the phone the Winters delegation will call a halt at the Elm creek bridge and form in a procession and march through the city, joining the big procession to be formed at the school campus at three o'clock. The business houses of Winters are closing and the people are here in strong numbers to show their loyalty.

Fifty Cars Expected from Rowena.
Information received from Rowena states that every business house in that city would be closed at noon and at least fifty autos would form in a line of march to Ballinger to take part in the patriotic demonstration. The Rowena people are loyal to the country, and are here to show their loyalty in no uncertain terms.

CONGRESS FEELING OUT PUBLIC SENTIMENT

The plans for raising an army to defend American rights in the world war are being worked out in Congress. Members of the House have sent telegrams to the people in their district feeling out the sentiment as to whether the people favor conscription or volunteer service for building the army.

The following telegram was received early Friday morning and the reply given below sent to Congressman Blanton Friday afternoon, after many prominent citizens had been interviewed:

Washington, April 13.

A. W. Sledge, Ballinger. Please ascertain and wire me sentiment of our people whether they favor conscription or volunteer service. What probable number of volunteers will Runnels county furnish?

THOMAS L. BLANTON. And in reply: Ballinger, April 13. Hon. Thos. L. Blanton, M. C. Washington, D. C.

While sentiment greatly divided, majority favors Wilson conscription bill as published in papers. Volunteers available from this county estimated from seventy-five to one hundred.

A. W. SLEDGE. The average American abhors that word conscription, but those who have read the proposed bill and are familiar with the administration plan for building the army are free to endorse it as being a better way than the volunteer way at this time. The method for conscription does not mean

By The United Press
GALVESTON, April 13.—Shipping circles here are intensely interested in a report brought here by officers of a Mallory Line steamer that a German raider was heading into the Gulf of Mexico.

According to the officers of the Mallory Line vessel they received warnings Monday while they were sailing one hundred miles east of Key West. The wireless came from a British steamer and said that the German raider was in the Caribbean sea headed towards the Gulf through the Yucatan Channel. The message described the raider as a sailing vessel with auxiliary power. No details regarding the armament or size of the vessel is obtainable.

SUBMARINE REPORTS NOT CONFIRMED

Rumors that submarines are playing off the Pacific coast continue to come here, but no official verification from the navy department has been announced.

Queries as to the report coming from Galveston to the effect that a British ship signalled warnings to other vessels saying a German raider had been sighted in Yucatan Channel, brought an announcement from the navy department saying, "We have had a rumor of a raider sailing towards South," but nothing further would be given out.

MAKING NEW MAP OF EUROPE'S RAILROADS

By The United Press
ROME, April 13.—Allied railroad commissions today are preparing to redraw Europe's railroad map. They are already planning the destruction of the allied dependence on the German lines in the "war after the war."

For example, a proposed railroad connects Bordeaux with Odessa, avoiding Middle Europe and passing through Turin and the Italian-to-be Trieste. Other lines, perfecting the development of allied territory, are also in prospect.

French and English railroad officials are now in Italy, studying the situation with allied officials. The commissioners are making a careful tour of investigation throughout the allied countries, it is said, and work on the contemplated lines will be rushed to completion, as soon as the war ends.

Lee Gentry, of San Angelo, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Friday.

DESPERATION STALKS AS GERMANS DIG FOR BRITISH

By William Philip Simms
United Press Staff Correspondent
WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, April 13.—Desperation is stalking behind the German lines.

German army chiefs have been astounded at the tremendous and unceasing strength of the British in their onward smash against Hindenburg's line.

The British are using German prisoners of war in trench digging and thus relieving their own soldiers of this work who are used to reinforce the fighting strength. Non-fighting auxiliaries are being brought up and used by the Germans to fill depleted ranks of their fighting regiments.

As the result of an attempt of German airmen to fly over the British lines and learn where Gen. Haig's next blow is coming, a swarm of British airmen patrolling the line are engaged in a fantastic battle with the enemy aviators.



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W. Steiner, Editor

There is no demand in America for the "made in Germany" article.

Like everything else the success of Ballinger's patriotic rally is due to co-operation. Let's do more of it.

Coleman county's grand jury was in session three days and returned three bills. We trust that they did not throw off on the job and that Coleman receives just credit for her clean record.

A Brownwood man has offered free of cost every vacant lot he owns in that city, for cultivation purposes. He says he wishes to encourage the people to plant gardens, and grow feed. Why shouldn't every vacant lot be turned into a feed or garden truck patch?

Reports from Valera say that an oil well is expected to gush there at any minute. The drill has penetrated real oil strata sand, and the promoters are jubilant over what they say is sure to come. Some day oil and gas will be spouting out of the ground in Runnels county.

Big G Is effective in treating... Sold by Druggists... Prepared by THE EVANS CHEMICAL CO., CINCINNATI, O.

Notice to Advertisers.

The Daily Ledger is circulated in Winters one hour after it is printed each afternoon. To do this we must catch the four o'clock jitney, and hereafter all advertising copy must be in the office by twelve o'clock, and earlier when possible.

Farmers and others who live at a distance from a drug store should keep in the home 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.

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That is why Vinol is such a wonderful remedy for weak, run-down persons, feeble old people, delicate children, and to restore tonates and glycerophosphates, this testimony.

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We return money in every such case where Vinol fails to benefit the purchaser.

J. Y. Pearce Druggist, City Drug Store, Ballinger, also at the leading drug stores in all Texas towns.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Service and sermon 11:00 a. m., and 7:45 p. m. Morning subject, "Who Shall Roll Us Away the Stone from the Door of the Sepulchre?" Evening subject, "The Resurrection, and the consequences," "if there be no Resurrection."

The public is cordially invited. W. T. ALLAN, D. D. Priest-in-Charge.

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.

YOUNG LADY WOUNDED

WHEN NEIGHBOR SHOOTS

Miss Etheline Clegg, sixteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Clegg, living on the north side near Park street, was seriously wounded Wednesday morning just after she had arisen from bed when a spent bullet from a neighbor's gun penetrated her back. The bullet was from an automatic 22 rifle and it is supposed the neighbor had fired at a dog or some other object about his premises. Although the young lady's wound does not appear to be of a serious nature, the bullet so far has not been located.

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 Herkine. It thoroughly cleans 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.

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, Commissioners.

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

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

RAILROAD SITUATION

IS NOW LARGELY UP TO CONGRESS

Must Share Responsibility In Future Development.

ROBERT S. LOVETT'S VIEWS

"Unification of Regulation Is Essential." A Complete, Harmonious, Consistent and Related System Needed—Federal Incorporation of Railroads by General Law Favored.

Washington, March 23. — Responsibility for the railway development of the country, for providing necessary transportation facilities to care for the growing business and population of the country, now rests largely with congress and not entirely with the railroad managers. This was the statement of Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the executive committee of the Union Pacific system, to the Newlands Joint congressional committee when that body resumed its inquiry into the subject of railroad regulation this week.

In making this statement of the changed conditions of the railroad situation Judge Lovett undoubtedly had in mind the decision of the supreme court on the Adamson law, handed down last week, which establishes the right of the federal government to fix railroad wages and to prevent strikes. This decision is regarded by railroad men and lawyers as marking an epoch in the development of transportation in the United States.

"We have our share of responsibility," said Judge Lovett, "but it rests primarily on congress. When the government regulates the rates and the financial administration of the railroads, the borrowing of money and the issuance of securities it relieves the railroad of some of the responsibility of providing and developing transportation systems, except within the limits of the revenues that can be realized from such rates and under such restrictions.

"For a country such as ours, for a people situated as we are, to blunder along with a series of unrelated, inconsistent, conflicting statutes enacted by different states without relation to each other, instead of providing a complete and carefully studied and prepared system of regulation for a business that is so vital to the life of the nation, is worse than folly."

He summed up the present problems and difficulties of the railroads as follows: First.—The multiplicity of regulations by the several states with respect to the issue of securities, involving delays and conflicting state policies generally dangerous and possibly disastrous.

Second.—The state regulation of rates in such a manner as to unduly reduce revenues, to discriminate in favor of localities and shippers within its own borders as against localities and shippers in other states and to disturb and disarrange the structure of interstate rates.

Third.—The inability of the Interstate Commerce Commission, whoever the commissioners may be, to perform the vast duties devolving upon it under existing laws, resulting in delay, which should never occur in commercial matters—and compelling the commissioners to accept the conclusions of their employees as final in deciding matters of great importance to the commercial and railroad interests of the country.

Fourth.—The practical inability that has been accorded Congress to tie up and suspend the operation of the railroads of the country by strikes and violence and the absence of any law to compel the settlement of such disputes by arbitration or other peaceful means, as all other issues between citizens in civilized states are settled.

Fifth.—The phenomenal increase in the taxation of railroads in recent years.

Sixth.—The cumulative effect of these conditions upon the investing public, to which railroad companies must look for the capital necessary to continue development.

"We believe that the unification of regulation is essential," said Judge Lovett, "and that with the rapid increase of state commissions in recent years congress will in time be compelled to exercise its power in the premises. To only regulation there should be a complete, harmonious, consistent and related system. We believe the best, if not the only practical plan, is the federal incorporation of railroads by general law, which will make incorporation thereunder compulsory, thus imposing on all railroad companies throughout the United States the same corporate powers and restrictions with respect to their financial operations and the same duties and obligations to the public and the government, so that every investor will know precisely what every railroad corporation may and may not lawfully do."

Judge Lovett contended that the solution of these problems and difficulties rested with congress. He told the committee that under the constitution the authority of the federal government is paramount, that congress has the power to legislate for a centralized control of railroads under federal charters and that it only remains for that body to exercise that power.

When You Have Electrical Trouble In Your Car... Free Battery Inspection (any battery on any car)... Elder Brothers... We can supply a Gould Battery to fit any car and repair parts for any storage battery.

Sheriff's Sale.

State of Texas, County of Runnels, ss. By Virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Potter County, on the 15th day of March, 1917, by the clerk thereof, in the case of First National Bank of Amarillo, a corporation versus Dad Boyle Manufacturing Company, a corporation, E. A. (Dad) Boyle and J. S. Chesnut No. 2195, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in May A. D. 1917, it being the 1st day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, the following described property, to-wit: All those certain tracts of land situated in Runnels County, Texas, being more particularly described as lot No. 5, in block No. 13, in College View Heights Addition to the town of Winters, Texas; and lot No. 3 in block 18 in Southside Addition to the town of Winters, Texas, being the same lands conveyed by J. E. Talley to the Dad Boyle Manufacturing Company by deed dated November 9th, 1910, of record in volume 69, at page 285 deed records of Runnels County, Texas.

DR. H. W. SEARS.



Dr. H. W. Sears, sometimes spoken of as "The Taffy Man," "The Laughing Philosopher," is one of the most popular and best loved men on the public platform. It has been reported that his lectures are a "remedy for dyspepsia, despondency, worry—in fact, for almost every human fault and that the medicine is as palatable as ever mortal swallowed."

CARS WANTED FOR ANGELO TRIP TOMORROW

Superintendent Fleming requests that all those who will furnish an auto and accompany the Ballinger delegation to the District Athletic meet at San Angelo tomorrow will confer a favor upon the school children by communicating with Tom Lankford, letting it be known how many you can carry with you. It is the desire of the Ballinger school that as many as possible from here go to San Angelo to attend the meet. The plan calls for the party to leave Ballinger at six o'clock in the morning, and will return from San Angelo as soon as the meet is over tomorrow afternoon. The day will be a pleasant one and you will be helping in a good cause by taking your car and joining the crowd.

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

PREACHING SATURDAY AFTERNOON

We are requested to announce that Elder G. W. Newman will preach on the streets of Ballinger in front of the Hub store Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited and especially the preachers of the town.

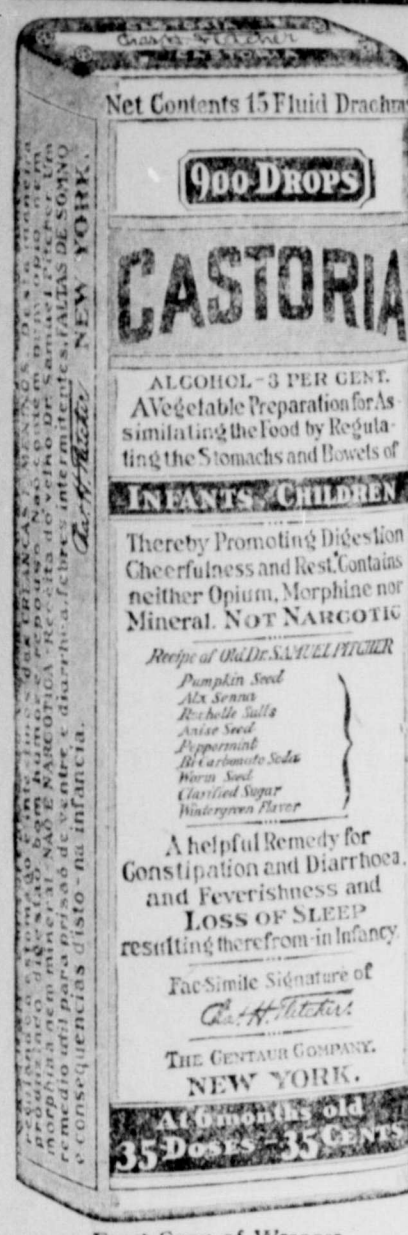
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RECRUITING OFFICER FOR NAVY CAN NOT BE HERE FOR RALLY TODAY

Irwin ("Buck") Elder is in receipt of a telegram from Recruiting Officer Cooper of San Angelo, in which Mr. Cooper states he would be unable to be in Ballinger to examine the navy applicants today, as he was overrun with enlistments from Tom Green county. Seven men applied to the Naval Enlistment station in San Angelo yesterday.

Officer Cooper may, however, be here Saturday or Monday to pass on recruits.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

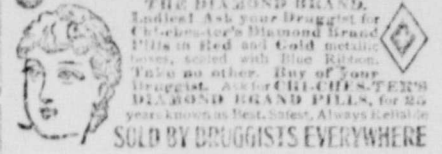
by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness, caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a 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 gets 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.

Henry J. Miller, the Blacksmith, has opened up a blacksmith shop next door to H. H. Hardin Lumber Co. All tools are new and ready for use. All work guaranteed to give satisfaction by me. Your patronage will be very highly appreciated.

HENRY J. MILLER, 13-d-4th The Poor Man's Friends

CHICHESTER'S PILLS



D. C. Claypool has just finished a beautiful and substantial bungalow for D. L. Brevard of the Mud creek country and Mr. Claypool says it is one of the nicest and most commodious residences in that entire section.

The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon S. Reid Graves and J. S. Graves by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 35th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 35th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the County Court of Runnels County, to be held at the Court House thereof in Ballinger, on the first Monday in May A. D. 1917, the same being the 7th day of May A. D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition in said Court on the 27th day of March A. D. 1917, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1158, wherein

The Miller Mercantile Company, a private corporation, chartered by the State of Texas, is plaintiff, and S. Reid Graves and J. S. Graves, are defendants, said petition alleging:

The State of Texas, County of Runnels, ss. In County Court May Term, A. D. 1917. To the Honorable County Court of said County: New comes your petitioner, The Miller Mercantile Company, a private corporation chartered by the State of Texas, F. C. Miller being the president thereof, engaged in business in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, hereinafter styled plaintiff, complaining of S. Reid Graves and J. S. Graves, whose places of residence is to plaintiff unknown, hereinafter styled defendants; and for cause of action plaintiff represents to the court that heretofore, to-wit, on the 8th day of June, 1908, the defendant made, executed and delivered to plaintiff their joint and several promissory note for the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, bearing date on the day and year aforesaid, payable to plaintiff, at Ballinger, Texas, and due on the 1st of October, thereafter, bearing interest from maturity until paid at the rate of ten per cent per annum, and providing for ten per cent additional on the amount of principal and interest then due as attorneys fees if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection; and that said note, together with all interest and attorney fees due thereon according to the tenor and effect thereof. The plaintiff has placed said note in the hands of John I. Guion, an attorney at law for collection and has agreed to pay him the ten per cent stipulated in said note. That said note is now past due and unpaid, and defendants though often requested and have hitherto and do now refuse and fail to pay the same or any part thereof to plaintiffs damage five hundred dollars.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays the court that defendants be cited by publication as provided by law, to appear and answer this petition, and that it have judgment for its debt, interest and attorneys fees and for such other and further relief as it may be entitled to.

JNO. I. GUION, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid

YOUR GOVERNMENT AND YOUR BANK

You'll never accumulate any surplus unless you bank your money. What more watchful guardian of your individual welfare than your Government. What better or surer place for your money than

YOUR GOVERNMENT'S BANK



next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this, the 27th day of March A. D. 1917. (Seal) W. C. McCARVER, Clerk, County Court, Runnels County. 430-6-13-20

BERNICE HARDY DUGGAN.



Miss Duggan is the Reader with the Lone Star Ladies' Trio. She is a Texan, born and educated in the south land with the very best advantages in her chosen line of work—Expression and Dramatic Art. Her audiences may confidently expect a program which will both entertain and captivate the most critical listener.

Ballinger, May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

A prudent mother is always on the watch for symptoms of worms in her children. Paleuess, 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.

11 COUNTIES IN DISTRICT MEET

(San Angelo Standard) The public schools of San Angelo are preparing to entertain 200 athletic and literary contestants from eleven counties in West Texas when the district meet of the university interscholastic league is conducted here Saturday. Winners in the various branches of sport and literary work will go to Austin to compete for the state championship Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5.

Teams from the following counties will be eligible: Tom Green, Runnels, Coke, Sterling, Concho, Schleicher, Sutton, Crockett, Reagan, Upton and Irion. Any school may enter a track squad, but only the winners in the various county meets can participate in the essays, debates, declamations and spelling contests. Tennis will also be on the list, doubles, in preference to singles, being played.

Literary contests will begin in the main auditorium of the new high school Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, while preliminaries in track and field events will start at Fort Concho park at 11 a. m. The finals in sports will be gotten under way at 1:30 p. m.

Entries do not close until Friday night. They must be in the hands of Athletic Director W. E. West by that time, however. The meet is to be for Senior boys and girls in Classes A and B only, and is expected to attract several hundred visitors to San Angelo.

R. B. Creasy left Thursday afternoon for Dallas on a short business trip.

"MADE IN GERMANY"

Uncle Sam has a merchant fleet at last and will put it to good use even if it was "made in Germany.—Exchange.

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FOR SALE OR TRADE—Four room house in Guion Addition, Ballinger. Will trade for auto or stock. O. D. Dillingham, Winters, Texas. 12-2nd-2tw-pd.

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FOR SALE—Three galvanized tanks, one 40 barrel, one 50 barrel and one 100 barrel. Apply to Jno. V. Hampitt. 11-4fdw

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FOR SALE—New Indian motorcycle perfect condition. Cash or terms. W. E. Bartlett. 11-4fd

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Nice stocky Metz tomato plants, 50 cents per 100 postpaid. Satisfaction guaranteed. Wm. Eichholt, phone 33, San Angelo, Texas. 10-6fdw

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FOR SALE—scholarship for complete course of cotton classing, shorthand, or stenotypewriting, or bookkeeping, telegraphy, or business administration and finance, in Tyler Commercial College. First come gets scholarship at bargain. Ballinger Printing Co., Ballinger, Texas.

LOST

LOST—tail light and No. 221 for auto. Leave at Ledger office or return to Dr. W. B. Halley. 13-2d

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—(1.) 3 room frame house, 2 galleries, \$3.00. (2.) A 7 room house, 2 galleries, 2 underground cisterns, good barn, garage, garden, city water, 1 acre ground; \$10.00. (3.) Rock store building on Hutchings Ave., price quoted on application. C. P. SHEPHERD, phone 27, 60 or 161. 5-4fd.

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

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

...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.

Miller Mercantile Co.
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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.

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Too Sick To Work

Many Women in this Condition Regain Health by Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Convincing Proof of This Fact.



Ridgway, Penn. — "I suffered from female trouble with headache and pain in my side for over seven months so I could not do any of my work. I was treated by three different doctors and was getting discouraged when my sister-in-law told me how Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had helped her. I decided to try it, and it restored my health, so I now do all of my housework which is not light as I have a little boy three years old." — Mrs. O. M. RHINES, Ridgway, Penn.

Mrs. Lindsey Now Keeps House For Seven.

Tennille, Ga. — "I want to tell you how much I have benefited by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. About eight years ago I got in such a low state of health I was unable to keep house for three in the family. I had dull, tired, dizzy feelings, cold feet and hands nearly all the time and could scarcely sleep at all. The doctor said I had a severe case of ulceration and without an operation I would always be an invalid, but I told him I wanted to wait awhile. Our druggist advised my husband to get Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it has entirely cured me. Now I keep house for seven and work in the garden some, too. I am so thankful I got this medicine. I feel as though it saved my life and have recommended it to others and they have been benefited." — Mrs. W. E. LINDSEY, R. R. 3, Tennille, Ga.

If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

SOLDIERS DRILLING UNDER ARC LIGHTS

Did you know that while you are snugly snoozing upon your downy couch a company of volunteers are drilling under the arc lights on the streets of Ballinger? Ballinger's first company of volunteers, or boys who have signified their intentions of becoming volunteers as soon as Uncle Sam makes the call, and who have banded themselves together for training, are making good headway drilling.

From night to night the young men are drilling. They formed a section for the patriotic parade today and attracted no little attention with the quick step, keeping time with the kettle drum.

We doubt if there are many other towns in Texas the size of Ballinger where a company has been formed and real drilling began as quickly as in this city. The company of young men mean business. They are ready for the call, and most of them will pass the test and be accepted for service when

the examination is made. Ballinger should feel proud of her first company of volunteers.

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.

Mrs. F. Wesley Gray of Winters was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Seerest Thursday.

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.

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WOMEN PREPARING FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

WASHINGTON, April 13. — "Prepare for National Service" is the slogan of the Women's Section of the Navy League to American women in the Second Encampment of the First National Service School, at Chevy Chase beginning Monday. One thousand women representing every state in the Union are gathering today for training, to sleep in army tents, live under military discipline for twenty days and be instructed for national service by doctors and nurses of the American Red Cross and non-commissioned officers of the army, navy and marine corps.

The government has recognized the value of this training by turning over to the committees in charge of a government reservation of twenty-seven acres. Here great encampment, which will be the largest camp for women ever held in the world, is pitched.

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PEACE PROPOSALS FROM BULGARIA AND AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

WASHINGTON, April 13. — It was learned here today that formal peace feelers were now being launched by Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria in Switzerland. The scheme is doubtless for the purpose of determining what will be expected of these countries if a formal peace move is put forth. While declaring that no word comes from the government officials of Austria and Hungary, the Bulgarian legation admits that the peace reports are probably true.

BULGARIA WANTS PEACE

WASHINGTON, April 13. — Both Bulgaria and Austria have signified their intentions of securing peace, and are endeavoring to approach entente diplomats in Switzerland on the subject of peace.

Press dispatches reported that Bulgarian efforts in this line developed the fact that it is known here that not only has Bulgaria taken soundings, but also there has been similar action in the name of Austria-Hungary. Whether the two nations are working separately or together is not known, nor has any reference been made to the attitude of Germany or Turkey.

Officials here see in the Austrian and Bulgarian action merely an expression of weariness of war and anxiety to bring it to a close, without, however, involving any indication of desperation on their part which will make them propose terms acceptable to the allies. As a result there is every indication that the informal efforts now being made mark merely a step in the long road that will eventually lead to peace and do not offer hope of real negotiations in the near future.

This opinion is strengthened by the fact that the entente diplomats have not accepted the suggestions made to them for private conversations, but have indicated on the other hand, that they will not go into any such discussion blindfolded. They have left the impression that they stand on the general principles enunciated by their governments that the entente nations will not enter a peace conference until their enemies have made public their plans.

Independent soundings by Austria and Bulgaria, even if entirely tentative, have attracted interest here, however, as showing the dissatisfaction of those two governments with the course of the war and their apparent anxiety to negotiate directly and not through the medium of Germany to a more moderate stand are reported to be more eager for peace than their more powerful ally, a degree of hope is felt that their exigencies may force Germany to a more moderate stand and bring the day of ultimate peace nearer.

MAN GOING TO SEA BECOMES A SOLDIER

WASHINGTON, April 13. — The great American public is realizing now more than ever the fact that our Marine Corps maintains separate and distinct recruiting stations from the other branches of our national defense and that although the Marine goes to sea, he is a soldier, not a sailor, and does not serve his country entirely on the ocean wave, according to Major General George Barnett, the commandant of the "Soldiers of the Sea."

The present crisis is causing many patriotic young men to investigate the different avenues in which they may protect the freedom which they enjoy, and those undecided as to whether they could "do their bit" as a soldier or a sailor are enlisting in the Marine Corps as a "Soldier and Sailor, too."

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.

104 TEUTON SHIPS TO BE DISPOSED

Washington, April 13. — Plans for making seized German and Austrian ships part of American merchant marine is being discussed in congress by Secretary McDo and Chairman Bennan of the federal shipping board. There are three ways in which the government can take over the ships and put them in service; seize ships as prize of war, requisition vessels under the right of eminent domain, or let Americans purchase the ships. There are 104 ships subject to being handled on either of the plans mentioned and it is almost certain that immediate steps will be taken to use one of the plans in putting the seized ships into operation.

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, BOY'S TASTELESS CHERRY TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children, 50c.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Smith, who recently married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Duke near Ballinger, left Thursday for Abernathy to make their future home.

Bill Handley, of Beeville, who had been visiting his uncle E. J. Handley of the Norton country, passed through Ballinger Thursday afternoon en route home.

Mrs. W. H. Seerest of South Ballinger, and her daughter Mrs. Gray of Winters, came in Friday at noon from a short visit to Prof. H. G. Seerest, principal of the Talpa public schools.

HELEN LEILA BLOSE.



Miss Blose, with the Lone Star Ladies' Trio, is an accomplished pianist. Miss Blose will be a great inspiration to the younger musicians, as she portrays in her remarkable ability the success to be obtained by application and hard work.

Ballinger, May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS APPEALS FOR FOOD

The principal business of this country for the immediate future will be war and the preparations necessary to conduct it on a scale never before known to our people. Vast quantities of supplies of all kinds must be provided. Chief among these is an adequate food supply, a supply not only sufficient for the needs of our people at home, but for an immense army and a surplus for the people of Europe who are now resorting to extreme measures in an effort to feed their armies and their civilian population.

Under these circumstances it is the patriotic duty of everyone to do all in his power to meet the world's demand for food. It is not too much to say that the farmers of America are the decisive element in this world-war, and no greater service can be rendered than to bring a realization of this fact to the people of every community.

Will you permit me to suggest that the members of your organization should be at once called together and in conference with your bankers, merchants, farmers, and other business men, take immediate action that will lead to the largest possible crop and livestock production?

The planting season is at hand and whatever may be done to meet and solve the question of greater food crops this year must be done within the next few weeks. It is stated on reliable authority that the available supply of wheat at the present moment in the United States is not more than sufficient for thirty days' normal use, yet many farmers whose wheat crops have been damaged are said to be preparing to plow up the wheat land and plant cotton. This, in my opinion would be a serious mistake, as half or even a third of a crop of wheat will be of more value to the country under present conditions than a full crop of anything else on the same ground. It is not yet too late to plant gardens, peanuts, corn, grain sorghum, sweet sorghum, sweet potatoes, etc., but immediate action is vitally necessary.

The Chamber of Commerce of Temple has organized a campaign in co-operation with the county demonstration agent and the business men of Temple to visit at once as many points in Bell county as possible for the purpose of advising with the farmers upon the seriousness of existing conditions, and to induce them to adopt vigorous methods that will result in the greatest possible production of food crops of all kinds, gardens, poultry, hogs and other live stock. I believe this is an example that should be followed by the commercial club of every community in the state.

The situation is the most critical that the people of Texas have ever faced. For seven years the Texas Industrial Congress has been teaching increased acreage yields and greater livestock production by every means within its power; it is now ready to assist you in any way possible and its services are at your command. As a patriotic, loyal, American citizen, will you not take aggressive steps immediately to meet this supreme need of America and of the world?

Texas Industrial Congress.

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.

Mrs. J. P. Brooks of Miles, came in Thursday afternoon to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Stocks Sr., and Ballinger friends.

W. H. Harrison of San Marcos, came in Thursday at noon and spent a few hours in Ballinger looking after property interests and left in the afternoon for San Angelo on a similar mission.

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

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.

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DELEGATES LEAVE FOR THEIR HOME

The delegates from the east who had been attending the recent meeting of the district M. E. Conference in Ballinger, left for their respective homes Thursday.

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.

MOVED HIS OFFICE

Judge J. W. Powell, who during his term of office as mayor had his office at the city hall, moved Thursday to the Dooze building and will have his office with Judge C. H. Willingham.

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 18 lbs and 7 ozs. in seven days.

Damned 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.

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PICTURE PROGRAM

Ella Hall in "POLLY RED HEAD."

All red-headed girls admitted free tonight.

Children 10c Adults 15c