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GERMANY FIRES FIRST SHOT IN WAR

Submarine Misses In Attack On Destroyer

NEUTRALS TO HEAR RENEWAL OF GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS

By William G. Shepherd
Special Correspondent U. P.
CHRISTIANA, Norway, April 17.—Germany will shortly issue to neutrals a statement of the terms on which she considers peace negotiations, according to rumors in diplomatic circles in Europe.

Those closest in touch with the German movement to stop the struggle have not heard details of what Germany proposes to offer. However, it is not believed by many to offer further concessions from the unofficial outline of Germany's demands in December, which were rejected in toto by the entente allies.

Scandinavia is the center of Germany's efforts to secure a separate peace from the provisional Russian government.

American diplomatic officials have been formally advised that the German government is behind the German socialist peace movement towards Russia. Former German ambassador to the United States, Count von Bernstorff, the prime peace propaganda hostile apostle, was selected as ambassador to Sweden purely on the line of Russian effort.

HARWELL MOVING HIS GARAGE TODAY.

The Harwell Motor Co., moved Tuesday from Eighth Street to their new place of business on Hutchings Ave., and Ninth St., and when straightened out will have one of the most commodious and up-to-date garages in West Texas.

Wm. Suidley of Winters, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Dallas on a short business trip.

STRIKERS CRIPPLING GERMANY

AMSTERDAM, April 17.—The general strike in Berlin is crippling the output of metals and wood work, and is tying up transportation, according to dispatches reaching this city. Details are necessarily very meager.

Berlin Says Strike Fizzled Out.
Berlin, April 17.—Berlin's general industrial strike fomented by an extreme branch of the German socialist party as a protest against the reduction of bread rations, the order for which was effective Sunday, has fizzled out, according to German officials.

Only a few factories have been forced to suspend, and not a single munitions factory was affected, say the officials.

The United States Is Scared?
El Paso, Tex., April 17.—An attack on the United States appears in El Heraldo Del Norte, the leading Carranza organ of Chihuahua City, in its issue of April 15, copies of which arrived here last night. It alleges that the only reason why the United States did not declare war sooner on Germany was because of its cowardice, that Brazil entered because it is dominated by Portuguese influence and that Cuba joined only because it had seems to be a breakdown caused United States.

10,000 MEN TAKEN BY THE FRENCH

PARIS, April 17.—The French began an attack this morning, after several days' artillery preparation, between Soissons and Rheims. Several German lines were carried and more than 10,000 Germans were taken prisoners. The official announcement of this success issued by the war office last night describes the fighting as being of the utmost violence.

Lens was virtually invested late yesterday although the Germans are making a desperate effort to hold their positions about it as Lens seems to be the pivot of the new back swing of the German lines necessitated by the battle of Arras. Explosions continue within Lens and the outlying mine districts and there seems little doubt that the mines certainly will be destroyed as far as possible. Fires still were seen inside the German lines.

With the British Armies, April 17.—With the hot flames of war raging along entire western front British and French alike, it can be stated that each detail of the offensive plans has been worked out at prolonged conferences between General Nivelle and Field Marshal Haig and the war councils of France and England. The part to be played by each belligerent has been definitely agreed upon and a schedule has been arranged as for one great cohesive force. Various tasks have been precisely allotted the wide reaching battle lines and the result thus far attained justify the conclusion that the supreme test of the war is near at hand.

(By H. M. Jones)

A. J. Thorp, of the First National bank is confined to his bed at his home on North Fourth street. The doctors report that the illness seems to be a breakdown caused from lagrippe.

What is the most deadly sin? See "Seven Deadly Sins."

BAND ANNOUNCEMENT A LITTLE PREMATURE

The announcement made Monday concerning a baseball game and band concert was a little premature. Such entertainment is being planned, but no date has been fixed. As soon as a date for the concert can be arranged further announcement will be made.

It has also been announced that the ball game would probably be played on one date and the concert given on another, as the two were in no way connected. The Winters band has been invited to come here and play a concert. They have accepted the invitation but express a desire that the Ballinger band be called out to play at the same time and a joint concert be given. Winters has one of the best amateur musical organizations in the state, and is far ahead of any band ever maintained in that town before, and Ballinger will give them a hearty welcome when they come here.

PRESIDENT MAKES NEW NOMINATIONS

WASHINGTON, April 17.—President Wilson this afternoon nominated for appointment J. Camp of San Antonio, Texas, to be United States District Attorney for the Western district of Texas; William McDonald (Capt. "Bill" McDonald) of Dallas, as United States Marshal for the Northern district of the state; and John Rogers of Austin, as United States Marshal of the Western district of the state.

ABILENE MEXICAN SHOT TO DEATH

ABILENE, April 17.—Jose Gomez, 34, a Mexican, is dead as a result of a pistol wound received at ten o'clock Sunday night while near the corner of Seventh and Mesquite streets.

Complains charging murder have been filed against Felix Molina and Benito Molina, brothers, by County Attorney Graham.

According to the testimony of Eligio Gonzales, Jose Gomez, the Molina brother and himself were standing on the street talking together. They had been together for some time and so far as he knew they were all friendly. Suddenly, he said, Felix Molina said he "wanted to kill somebody," and jerked out a pistol and fired two shots. One shot passed thru the right shoulder of Gonzales' coat and another struck Gomez in the left shoulder near the neck, ranging down. Gomez called to his brother, Juan Gomez, that he was hot, and walked into his house where he fell to the floor and died in ten minutes.

The Molinas ran, according to Gonzales, and neither has been apprehended. Gonzales said he thought Felix Molina was "about half drunk."

The dead Mexican leaves a widow and eight children.

MARCH BAD MONTH FOR MANY MONARCHS

LONDON, April 17.—The month of March holds a persistent jinx for European royalties, as shown by a table of regal murders, dethronements and abdications following the Czar's removal.

Old Gustavus III, King of Sweden got his on March 16, 1792, Alexander II, of Russia on the thirteenth of March 1881 and George I, of Greece, on March 18, 1913. All were murdered. Charles III, Duke of Parma also went by the murder route in March 1854.

Gustavus IV, of Sweden was dethroned by his affectionate uncle, the Duke of Sudermania, March 13, 1809.

The abdication of Nicholas, of Russia and his abdication at the same time on behalf of his son, completes the list of March upheavals which prove the monarch's life in March is not a happy one.

Engagement Takes Place Off Coast of Jersey Today

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Germany fired the first shot of the war against the United States today and it missed.

Official information reached the United States navy department shortly after noon today that the U. S. Destroyer Smith was fired upon by a German submarine at 3:30 a. m. today. A torpedo launched by the submarine missed the Smith who gave chase but the U-boat submerged and escaped.

The fact that the Fire Island lightship conveyed the original information of the engagement leads to the belief by naval men that the German submarine is not far distance from New York City, inasmuch as the lightship was only twenty-five miles beyond Sandy Hook, the outer portal of the New York harbor.

Reports to the Boston station by the cruiser Chester give indication that the submarine is hovering off the New Jersey coast midway between Atlantic City and Asbury Park.

The navy department has no way of knowing whether the German fighter made a journey from Bremen to the American coast intending to make a quick stroke and return to its home harbor, or whether the vessel had been lying off our seaboard sometime getting supplies from a hidden base on the Mexican coast or elsewhere.

BOSTON, April 17.—A German torpedo was launched at an American war vessel from a submarine at 12:20 today in the first engagement of the war for the American navy, according to wireless message received at the Charleston navy yards.

The torpedo missed its mark and the submarine quickly disappeared. The United States ship Smith at which the torpedo was fired was undamaged but was unable to trace the enemy undersea boat.

This is the first appearance of a belligerent submarine in American waters since the United States entered the war. From Fire Island off the southeastern coast of Long Island came the wireless message, which was relayed to the Charlestown navy yards here by the scout cruiser Chester, which gave her position as latitude 40, longitude 73.

The text of the wireless message in brief simply stated that the submarine had disappeared.

The fact that enemy U-boat fighters are in adjacent American waters still, probably well armed, caused a great stir in shipping and naval circles all along the coast. Shortly before noon the news of the submarine engagement became known in the Charlestown yards, but officials there flatly refused to give any further news at this time.

When the German submarine raider U.53 appeared at Newport Captain Rose of the United States navy especially called attention to the fact that the underwater vessel did not put in at the harbor for fuel or supplies, nor did she take on any supplies. The actual appearance of a fighting submarine on this side of the Atlantic naturally aroused the greatest speculation in marine circles as to the possibility of a secret base established at some point within comparatively

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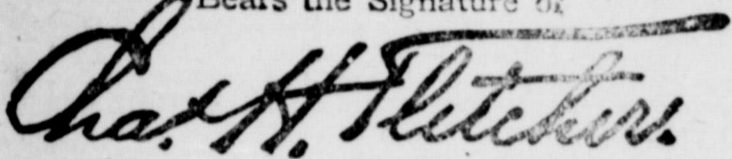
The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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WHEN THE BLIND LOST THEIR SIGHT

Washington, April 17.—The forthcoming report on the blind in the United States announced by Director Sam L. Rogers, of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, indicates that 30.8 per cent, or somewhat less than one-third, of the blind population lost their sight when less than 20 years of age (including those born blind); 47.4 per cent, or somewhat less than one-half, during the early or middle years of adult life (from 20 to 64 years); and 21.8 per cent, or a little over one-fifth, in old age (after passing their sixty-fifth year). More persons were reported as having lost their sight when less than 5 years of age than in any other 5-year period of life, 16.4 per cent, or about one-sixth, of the total being included in this group; persons reported as born blind formed 6.6 per cent of the total and persons reported as losing sight when less than 1 year old 5 per cent, those two groups together contributing

11.6 per cent, or more than one-tenth, of those reporting the age when vision was lost.

These statistics are based on an enumeration of the blind made in connection with the census of 1910. The blind population enumerated was 57,272, and by sending out special schedules through the mails the Bureau obtained data regarding such subjects, as the cause of the blindness and the age when it occurred from 29,242 blind persons.

For the stomach and bowel disorders of babies McGe'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.

Ivan Hamilton, confectionery man, of Winters, passed thru Ballinger Monday en route to Dallas where he will buy a large fountain for his business at Winters.

Judge M. C. Smith was in Santa Anna today looking after legal business to invest in the oil field there.

Swat the Fly and Beautify

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

Ballinger Lumber Company

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

HELPING TEXAS

FEED HERSELF

It makes the heart of man glad to visit the garden of W. E. Branch, or perhaps we should say of Mrs. W. E. Branch, in South Ballinger, and it makes man's appetite glad to sit at Mrs. Branch's table and feast on home grown vegetables, home grown ham, and home grown everything else almost that goes to make up a good meal.

We had the pleasure of visiting Mr. Branch's garden Tuesday in company with County Clerk McCarver and County Judge Parish, and Farm Demonstrator Eaton should have been with us, but his services were demanded in some other part of the county and he was deprived of the pleasure we enjoyed.

Mr. Branch leased out his place this year and leased for his own use the N. J. Wardlaw home place in South Ballinger, where he could get the benefit of the irrigation plant and raise vegetables on a larger scale. At present there are several hundred dollars worth of vegetables growing and the local market is being supplied. We were surprised to see so much spinach and mustard, and other garden truck growing right at Ballinger's door. We had no idea there was such a garden in Rannels county.

Mr. Branch attempts to claim credit for the success he is meeting with in his truck growing experience, but one does not have to be around but a few minutes before he can see to whom credit is due. Mrs. Branch is the power behind the garden that is helping to feed Ballinger at this particular time.

Mrs. Branch's table contained a feast fit for the kings Tuesday at twelve o'clock and aside from the flour that was used and the meal, it was strictly a home-made dinner. A variety of fresh home grown vegetables, ham, milk and butter, eggs, home made preserves and canned fruit are the things that cut the grocery bill to a minimum, and these are things Mrs. Branch serves in the most appetizing style to her family and those who should happen to be her guest.

War time prices have no horror for Mr. and Mrs. Branch, and with anything like favorable weather their bank account will take a healthy growth within the next two or three months.

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.

G. G. Carlisle left Monday afternoon on a business trip of a few weeks to Houston.

Baylor Baird left Monday afternoon for Austin, where he has accepted a position.

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

R. T. Williams and Roy Sharp left Monday for Dublin, where they will meet the wholesale drummers from the east and buy spring and summer goods for the Higginbotham Bros. & Co., store at this place. Mr. Williams was accompanied by his son and daughter, who will visit relatives while at that place.

Price Maddox of the Hatchel country, was in the city Tuesday and reports that he is still feeding cattle as the recent rains were not sufficient to make grass grow in his section.

"Seven Deadly Sins" at the Queen Theatre, commencing next Monday.

MODERN MOTOR HOUSE

BUILDING AT WINTERS

WINTERS, Texas, April 17.—Work is progressing rapidly on what will be the largest garage in Rannels county when completed. The new building is being constructed of concrete on the lot just north of the Miller blacksmith shop. One of the side walls and part of the rear wall has been completed almost and the material for the front will be received in due time.

This building is being constructed from a design adopted especially for a garage building. There will be ample floor space for storing cars, and for the equipment of a modern repair shop, the building being 122 feet wide and 154 feet deep. The front will be of plate glass and buff brick. The entire flooring will be of concrete, and the building made fire proof. A section of the garage will be fitted up for a ladies' rest room—a place where the people from the country can assemble their packages while they are trading and transacting business.

This building is being constructed under a contract let by C. W. Miller and O. D. Dillingham and Messrs. Miller and Dillingham have leased the building to the People's Garage. The People's Garage is composed of W. C. Meadows, J. A. Griffith and Ben Wilson.

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.

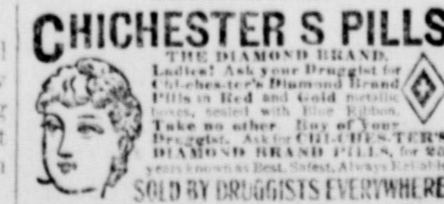
THE FARM LOAN BANK

will soon loan millions of dollars to the farmers and planters of Texas. This means that enormous sums will be expended in farm improvements. There will be an increased demand for fire and tornado insurance among the farmers. Very few insurance companies are accepting farm risks and for this reason the agency of our company is very valuable. All borrowers from the Farm Loan Bank who use their improvements as part security must have fire insurance. Very liberal contract to good producers. Also want solicitors for writing hail insurance. Licensed company. It is important that this work be taken up immediately. Address 1009 Foster Building, Houston, Texas. 14-11d-pd.

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

BARBER CATCHES LARGE BASS

Mike C. Boyd still holds the belt for the largest bass ever caught in this section. He and friends were out fishing on the tributaries to the Concho last Saturday evening and Mr. Boyd landed a bass that weighed seven pounds, and one and a quarter ounces, and the head is being mounted by Will Dunlap and Mr. Dunlap says this bass is the largest he ever saw caught in this section and he has been here 31 years.



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Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Each packet with Free Booklet. Take no other. Day of Year. Beware of cheap imitations. THE DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 50 years famous all over the world. Always reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

C. R. Smith, of the Valley creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Tuesday.

In the matter of sound, sane and sensible service this bank has found that no qualities pay larger returns in increased business than courteous and helpfulness. And what we can recommend to others, we practice ourselves.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

GERMANY FIRES FIRST SHOT IN WAR

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easy reach of United States waters... No information, however, has been secured by the United Press whether the navy department has believed this to be the case.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—(Flash)—The navy department this afternoon confirmed the report of a naval engagement between the United States submarine chaser Smith and a German U-boat.

Sprains and Strains Relieved.

Sloan's Liniment quickly takes the pain out of strains, sprains, bruises and all muscle soreness. A clean, clear liquid easily applied, it quickly penetrates without rubbing. Sloan's Liniment does not stain the skin or clog the pores like mussy plasters or ointments. For chronic rheumatic aches and pains, neuralgia, gout and lumbago have this well-known remedy handy. For the pains of grippe and following strenuous work, it gives quick relief. At all druggists, 25c.

W. A. Halimecek, who for a number of years has been justice of the peace at Rowena and conducted a business there, is now on the road working for a twelve million dollar oil company of Oklahoma, making leases for them. He expects to leave soon for South America to look after their interests there. His family will remain in Rowena.

W. B. Ray has just completed a sleeping porch to his already convenient home.

...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

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for the money. That is our inducement, our great argument.

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HEAVY STEEL FOR BALLINGER SANTA FE

Roadmaster Whidden was here a few days ago consulting with the city commissioners concerning some improvements to be made in water drainage systems north of the railroad along Sixth Street and east of Broadway. In discussing the work which Mr. Whidden was here to prosecute he incidentally stated that the Santa Fe track from Coleman to San Angelo would soon be spanned with ninety pound steel rails instead of the fifty-eight pound rails that are now in use on this branch of the line.

The Santa Fe has a good road bed on this branch, and with the laying of heavy steel it is expected that the time will be cut down and a better schedule maintained between the Coleman main line and the Angelo division point. The present schedule is operated on a speed of from twenty to twenty-five miles per hour, and with the proposed improvements from thirty-five to forty miles can easily be made.

CURRIE HOME REPAPERED

Painters, paperhangers and decorators have been busy the past two weeks working over the J. F. Currie home, which has added much to this already attractive home.

G. B. Bandy and daughter, Miss Edith, of Dallas and Dr. J. F. Clark and Ford Jackson, of Alpine came in Monday and are here to attend the McGregor-Jones nuptials in our city this evening.

The deal was closed Monday in which Frank Hutto sold to LeRoy Nicholson seven hens and one rooster for a cash consideration of \$20. They are non-setters of the anti-Deluvian stock and Mr. Hutto says they lay one egg each day, Sunday not excepted.

Mrs. A. K. Doss is now at home from the sanitarium, and is rapidly recovering from her recent operation.

W. E. Armstrong and wife of Austin arrived here today, making the trip in their car, and will visit G. G. Odom and other relatives a few days. Mrs. Armstrong is a sister of Mr. Odom.

Judge A. K. Doss claims to have the best garden in Ballinger, also making the further claim that he worked it himself. The first statement will probably be accepted but the latter will be attended with some doubt.

In a letter to her father, M. C. Smith, Mrs. Hal Turberville stated that Gainesville had held a patriotic rally and that her 4 year old son had become very enthusiastic about the war, as he had tied a cane to his tricycle saying it was a cannon and that he was looking for Mexicans.

THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH RESPECTED

Co-operative Chautauqua Bureau Conducts No Assemblies on Sunday.

The Chautauqua movement grew out of a religious idea—really as a sort of Sunday School Normal Institute. It was natural, therefore, that it should run on Sunday the same as on a week day. In the evolution of the movement the moral idea has been retained, but the strictly religious idea has given way to education and entertainment. With this evolution there has arisen in many localities the question as to the wisdom of Sunday programs, which do sometimes wound the sensibilities of some. A few bureaus, and among them the co-operative, have decided against Sunday programs, believing that they want not only to "shun the very appearance of evil," but that the talent will do very much better work if they have the opportunity to rest on Sunday, according to nature's laws.

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

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COLORED CONFERENCE OF METHODIST CHURCH

The colored people of this city, especially those of the Methodist faith, are busy preparing to entertain a large number of delegates next week. The Methodist conference of the El Paso district which is the largest district in Texas, will meet here on March 25th and hold over until Sunday.

Some of the most prominent church workers in the colored Methodist church are on the program, and it is expected to make the occasion one of great spiritual revival among the colored folks of this section of the state. Some idea of the large delegation expected can be had from a statement made by one colored man with a small house who stated that he had been asked to entertain five delegates.

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.

WANT PROVISION IN CONSCRIPTION

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Tentative votes in the house military committee disclosed a majority in favor of making some provision for volunteers in the army war plans, which, as drawn by the general staff and approved by President Wilson, are based entirely upon the selective draft system. Two members of the committee were absent and the question of preparing a substitute for the administration bill will be voted upon finally this afternoon.

Various methods of raising and organizing the great fighting force have been advanced by members opposing immediate application of the draft, ranging from a proposal entirely to Chairman Dent's scheme to authorize a call for 500,000 volunteers and authorize the president to resort to the draft if the volunteers do not come forward in a reasonable time.

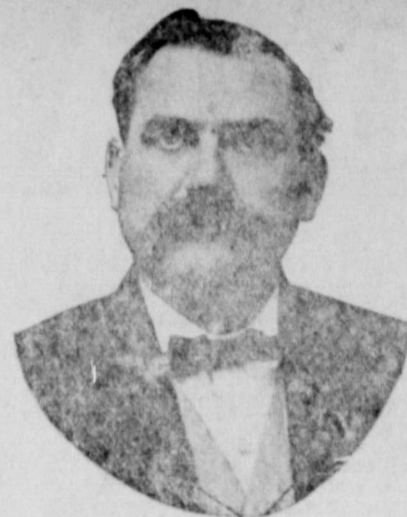
The administration is standing squarely upon the general staff's unanimous opinion that the volunteer system can have no place beyond the enlistment in the regular national guard in the training and raising of the army needed. Apparently confidence still prevails that eventually both houses will accept the staff bill.

Republican senators are conferring today on legislative questions and, though no war measure now before congress is likely to be treated in partisan fashion, the conference may have some effect on the chances of the army bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Brewer of Anadarko, Okla., spent the latter part of last week here with relatives. They left this morning for a visit to Bangs, Ballinger and other points west of here. Mr. Brewer was formerly engaged in business here.—Brownwood Bulletin.

"Seven Deadly Sins" a series of six five-reel features and the seventh a seven-reel feature. Coming soon!

MORTUARY.



O. B. Corbet

O. B. Corbet died at his home on Broadway Monday night, April 16th, at 11:45 o'clock and the remains were laid to rest in the City Cemetery Tuesday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted at the residence by Rev. J. B. Curry at 3 o'clock and the remains were conducted to the cemetery under the auspices of the W. O. W.

Mr. Corbet was 53 years of age at the time of his death and had been suffering for some time with kidney trouble and heart failure. He was a man of strict integrity and upright character, a kind loving husband and father, generous to a fault, and was held in the very highest esteem by a host of friends all over this section. He leaves his wife and five children who are Mrs. Lennie Harris, Miss Bessie Corbet, Mrs. Lemmie Davis, our our city, and Mrs. Ed S. McCarver and Pat Corbet of Texas city.

A large circle of friends joins The Ledger in sincere condolence and sympathy for the sad ones left to mourn his demise.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Halfman and A. A. Kahlig, of the Olin-Rownena country, were shopping in Ballinger Monday afternoon.

Peace Will Sure To Come.

Just unloaded a carload of Kissel autos. Peace, happiness and contentment will reign supreme in your home if you buy one of these cars for your wife and children. See E. V. Bateman at once, at City Auto Works. 16-2td11w

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon McWilliams and two children of the Norton country, were shopping and looking after business affairs here Monday.

Len Creswell, who was recently hurt by an oil drill near Santa Anna, we are glad to state was able to pass through Ballinger Sunday en route home near Leaday.

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.

FREE FROM PAIN

And No Longer Nervous, Since Taking Cardui, Says Georgia Lady.

Trenton, Ga.—Mrs. Ellie Gifford, of this place, writes: "I have always suffered... but was worse after marriage. I would have... pains and misery in my stomach and hips. I would have a bad sick headache every time, which would generally last two days. I had always heard what a good medicine Cardui was, so I thought I would try it. I used two bottles and it helped me.

Fifteen months later I began to be nervous and was worse at my... But at these times I did not have any pain and do not now suffer any pain. But I was very nervous, so nervous that my hands would shake. Any noise would make me jump. So I took two more bottles of Cardui. I have never been nervous since... and do not have any pain. I think this is all due to Cardui and Black-Draught."

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AD CLUBS MEET IN ST. LOUIS

Members of the Ballinger Ad League who are planning to attend the annual convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs at St. Louis, June 3 to 7, and to take other business men with them, have received word that the slogan of the meeting of advertising men will be "Advertising Lowers Cost of Distribution."

The National Program Committee, in charge of building the program for the convention, which is headed by Levellyn E. Pratt of New York City, announces that it is obtaining the services of some of the biggest business men in the country to present this subject, with brass tacks facts as to how paid advertising space has lowered their selling costs.

The convention will be divided into big, inspiring general sessions, at which this subject will be discussed, and into sectional, or departmental, sessions, at which the central thought of the meeting will also be presented, individual business men showing just what advertising has done for them and for their customers.

"There are still some people," said Mr. Pratt, in a letter received here yesterday, "who believe that advertising adds to the cost of things, but everyone acquainted with the facts knows this is not so. We know that advertising pays for itself and more, by saving other expenses which would be greater, in proportion to the sales of a firm, if advertising were not used. We will have facts and figures from some of the biggest firms in the country—manufacturers and retailers—to show that advertising has not only helped them, but the public, too."

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