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Unloading Sale
Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

Prices

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Starts Saturday

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"Tell the Truth Advertisers"

OUTBREAK REPORTED ON BORDER

WASHINGTON, May 21.—A clash between American border troops and Mexicans was reported officially to the state department today.

The message received by the state department stated that a group of Mexican filibusters crossed to the American side near Nogales, Arizona, and were captured by American soldiers and custom officers. Another message told of firing from houses on the Mexican side near Nogales upon American soldiers.

TEACHERS RETURN HOME.

Among the number of the teachers of the Ballinger Public Schools, who left for their respective homes Saturday afternoon were noted: Miss Barnett to Georgetown; Miss Stafford to Eagle Lake; Miss Whitlow to Smithville, also Miss Elenor Hamilton left for Cameron to visit her sister a few weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Halley and Robert Bailey left Sunday afternoon to visit at Temple and Dallas.

Miss Bertha Rasbury left Monday morning for Talpa to visit her friends, Mrs. Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Kidd for a few days.

Judge Louis J. Wardlaw, of Sonora, who had been looking after legal business in eastern points came in Saturday night and will spend a few days with his parents before going on home.

CHARGES COAL MINERS ROBBING THE PEOPLE

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Declaring that coal mine operators are charging exorbitant prices often several hundred times the cost of their production, the federal trade commission today urged congress to establish control by governmental agencies, and give the agencies power to fix prices of coal.

2 WOMEN KILLED IN ACCIDENT

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Mrs. Edith Ayers, of Chicago, and Helen Burnett Woods, of Evans-ton, Ill., were killed aboard the American steamer Mongolia, when a portion of a bursting shell struck them while they were watching the gun crew at practice at sea, according to official advices received at Washington today. The two women have been in Red Cross service since 1914 and had just joined active army red cross work this month, and were en route to Europe when they met death by accident.

WILL LEAVE TOMORROW FOR NEW YORK

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Douglass will leave Tuesday afternoon for New York, and other points in the East and North. Dr. Douglass goes to New York for a six weeks post graduate course, and he and Mrs. Douglass will visit in Boston, Philadelphia, Washington and other places while on the trip. Their little son Sidney, will visit with his grandfather at Cleburne while Dr. and Mrs. Douglass are in New York.

Mrs. E. E. Starke and children left Sunday afternoon to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roberts, Sr. of Talpa.

W. B. Furgason, who represents the Furgason Seed Farm of Sherman, and had been looking after business in the seed line for his company in our section, left for the east Saturday.

CONTRACTS LET FOR 36 MERCHANT SHIPS

WASHINGTON, May 21.—It was announced today that contracts for the immediate construction of thirty-eight merchant vessels had just been executed by the Emergency Fleet Corporation and the United States shipping board. The number of ships ordered built includes all contracts signed up to date.

Hindenburg May Be Preparing For Drive On Petrograd; Troops Re-formed On East

May Season Boosts Crops; Hail Strip South of City

Five rains, totaling 2.80 inches have fallen in Ballinger, and extended over the surrounding country during the last two weeks, dating from May 6 to May 21. The fall as shown by the record kept by the gauge at the First National Bank is as follows: May 6, .30; May 10, .10; May 12, .75; May 20, .85; May 21, .80.

The rains have been so general as to make the seasons average up over this section of the state, and there are few places that have not received all rain necessary for time being, and crops will thrive for a couple of weeks.

The rains have been heavier at some places than others, as will be shown by the report compiled by the West Texas Telephone Co., from the rain of Sunday night. This rain extended as far east as Lampasas, and is reported general over a large scope of country, the Sunday night's rain being much more general than the rain of Saturday night. The telephone company makes the following report: Abilene, good rain; Brady, two inches; Maverick, Wingate and

Crews, two inches; Paint Rock, Rowena, Miles, Talpa, one inch; Winters 1.30; Truitt, Olin Coleman 1.50; San Angelo only half inch; Eldorado, Stacy, Santa Anna, Norton, Menard, Concho, good rain; Robert Lee and Fort Chadbourne did not receive rain Sunday night, but good rains fell at those places Saturday night.

Heavy Hail and Flood.

Telephone reports from the Embury, Bruce and Dr. Fowler farms six miles south of Ballinger say that hail did great damage to crops and heavy rain washed down fences and did damage to fields. Where good stands of cotton and maize were growing there was nothing left and replanting will be necessary. Heavy hail drifts remained on the ground through out the day Monday. Wire fences were washed down in low places, and the flood waters tore their way through plowed ground and damaged fields. This country has been visited by a flood and hail twice this spring, the first hail coming before crops were planted and no damage was done.

HAIG'S MEN MAKE FURTHER ADVANCES

LONDON, May 21.—Further advances along the Hindenburg line were achieved by the British troops in spirited fighting last night, so reports Gen. Haig today. At Bullecourt and Fontaines, along the Hindenburg line the British were victorious in repelling counter attacks made by the Germans and gained positions that strengthen the British lines.

Albert Spill, H. L. Chapman, Joe Spill, C. T. Grant, W. H. Mullin and son Harris, of Winters, were among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

SUBMITS PLANS FOR IRISH SETTLEMENT

LONDON, May 21.—Premier Lloyd-George revealed a scheme to settle the Irish question to the House of Commons today. In the opening debate of the question the premier said that a conference to decide the exact form of rule to be applied in Ireland will be composed of all factions in Ireland. Even the Sinn Fein adherents will be represented. The chairman of the conference will be nominated by the king.

W. E. Chambers left Saturday afternoon for Santa Anna to spend Sunday with his mother.

OUTPOST TORPEDO BATTLE

LONDON, May 21.—An "outpost engagement" between German and French torpedo boats Sunday morning has been reported in Berlin and Paris official statements received here today. According to the Paris report one French torpedo boat was slightly damaged. Berlin dispatches describe the engagement as being a "short outpost engagement off Flanders. French ships nearby reported hit but no damage. Paris official statement said, "Germans after short engagement withdrew at all possible speed. The extent of the slight damage inflicted upon one French vessel was not specified."

ALLIES TAKE MORE GERMAN PRISONERS

PARIS, May 21.—Gen. Neivel's troops started another offensive today. The capture of several German trenches in Moronvillers sector on the northern slopes of Cronillet and eight hundred Germans were taken prisoners. This is the net results of the first offensive launched by Neivel's troops.

Destroy Trenches Before Leaving

Berlin, May 21.—The official report today admits that the French forces succeeded in gaining a hold on Mount Comillet and the British troops occupied the completely demolished trenches which the German abandoned according to their plans.

J. F. Compton, who lives on the Willingham farm near Ballinger was transacting business in the city Monday and ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address. He gave us a specimen of Algeretta berries on his place that is now about ripe for use and this bush is full though he says about an average of half a crop is all they will produce this season.

FREE DEMONSTRATION At Higginbotham Brothers & Co.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday you are very cordially invited.

Tuesday.
Proper use and care of "Wear-Ever" utensils will be taught. Tomatoes will be boiled dry and then burned and charred in a "Wear-Ever" sauce pan and the pan will be cleaned and made "good as new." A hole will be made in a "Wear-Ever" pan and the pan mended.

Griddle cakes will be cooked without grease.

Wednesday
Economy in cooking meats taught. A cheap cut of meat will be cooked, deliciously in a "Wear-Ever" Windsor kettle on top of the stove, without grease or water and nice brown gravy made from the juices.

Service of the "Wear-Ever" cake and bread pans demonstrated.

Wednesday.
Apples and potatoes will be baked on top of stove. Silver will

By William Philip Simms
WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES
IN THE FIELD, May 21.—German Field Marshal von Hindenburg is shunting his shattered and exhausted divisions on the Western front in France to the Northern and Eastern battle lines, where they are being re-formed preparatory to a drive on Petrograd. In the meanwhile fresh divisions from the Russian front are being sent to France, to try to stem the mighty allied advance.

German prisoners captured by our men revealed the purpose behind the above plan as two fold. "We expect Hindenburg to try to take Petrograd," said one Prussian today, "or at least additional Russian territory. His purpose would be to first scare Russia into a separate peace and second to use his gains there as a leverage against the allies."

Mrs. B. W. Pilcher returned home Monday at noon from a two weeks visit to Waco, Cisco, and Dallas. Mr. Pilcher met her at Cisco and accompanied her home. She was the guest of Mrs. Aug. Gloger and family while at Dallas.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ORGANIZED FOR WINTERS.

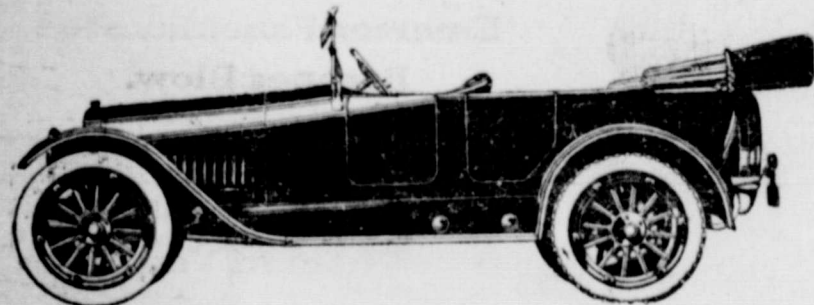
Winters has a live, wide awake commercial club. The organization was made Wednesday afternoon when about fifty citizens of the town met at the club rooms and each one expressed himself as being heartily in favor of such an organization.

H. W. Lynn was made president and E. A. Shepperd, secretary. H. O. Jones, D. M. Hillyard and D. B. Diggs were elected as a board of directors. To these were added J. F. Paxton, W. E. Newton and Ed P. Eason as a committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws.

The minimum membership fee was placed at 50 cents per month, this amount made to particularly apply to individuals such as salesmen and wage earners. The board of directors were instructed to make a suggestive list of membership fees for the various business concerns in the city. This will be done at once and the first month and a half dues paid into the secretary, thus paying the dues up to July 1st.—Winters Enterprise.

R. A. Nicholson left Sunday afternoon on a short business trip to Waco.

W. A. Nance 393 NIGHT PHONES Henry Jones 356



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BUSINESS WILL STOP FOR MASS MEETING TUESDAY

Every business house in Ballinger is requested to close at three o'clock tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon and remain closed for one hour, during which time a mass meeting will be held at the Queen Theatre.

This is one of the most important mass meetings ever held in this city. A special committee has been appointed to advertise the meeting in the surrounding country and bring as many farmers here as possible.

Ballinger's application for the A. & M. College must be filed with the locating board at Austin by June 1st. The committee appointed to prepare the application, compile all the necessary data, and present Ballinger's claim with the true advantages offered here, have just about completed their work. They are now ready to report to the citizens what has been done, and make known what remains to be done before the application can be filed.

The time is short and the committee must work in a hurry. The hard fight in the race for the college will be made at the first meeting of the locating board, and when the board makes a thinning out of applicants. Ballinger must not leave anything undone to get

in the list of towns selected to be visited by the locating committee. All the towns applying for this college will not be visited by the committee. The committee will go over the applications and select the towns offering the best site, and others will be eliminated.

Ballinger will put up a site that will appeal to the committee if we can get in on the list of towns. It is the opinion of all that if the committee can be prevailed upon to come to Ballinger, that this town will offer a site that will be hard for the committee to turn down. Every one should do their part towards making Ballinger's application one that will win the first round, and then winning will be easier as the campaign draws to a close.

If you are loyal to the town, and realize that an A. & M. College will double this city's population and will be worth more to the town than anything it is possible for the city to get, you will be present at the mass meeting to be held tomorrow. The meeting will be called to order at three o'clock and will be one that will go down in the history of Ballinger's chance in the race for the college. Drop your business for one hour and be on hand.

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There is something wrong with the Coleman boys too. Out of seven applicants who presented themselves for enlistment only one was accepted. Is there a decline in the physical condition of man?

Canadian parties have purchased six thousand acres of land in the Panhandle, and have shipped five cars of machinery to the land and will break it and plant the entire track in feed crops.

The war is responsible for the breaking up of the commencement program of the A. & M. College. Instead of the usual graduation exercises the school will close with the last recitation at noon June 2.

A man asked us if the socialist in Russia and Germany that we are hearing so much about, were the same kind of a socialist as the American socialist. We told him yes, both breeds are in favor of killing the Kaiser.

WARNING TO ROAD OVERSEERS.

The charge given to the grand jury which is now in session, by District Judge J. O. Woodward, in regard to looking into the road conditions of the county and investigating the work of county road overseers come as a pleasant surprise to many, and it might be, that by this method there will be a change wrought in the present conditions of the county roads in general.

Judge Woodward gave out a warning when he made his talk to the grand jury here more than two months ago, and hinted that road overseers were violating the law in not putting up proper mile posts and road signs. He suggested that the grand jury not indict at this time, but frankly stated that here would be something doing in the future if this road law was not complied with.

Best Remedy for Whooping Cough

"Last winter when my little boy had the whooping cough I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. J. B. Roberts, East St. Louis, Ill. "It kept his cough loose and relieved him. It is the only cough medicine I keep in the house because I have the most confidence in it."

W. A. Gustavus, Sr., returned to San Angelo Monday at noon after a short visit in our city. He informed us that he is now making home in San Angelo and gone back late business since selling out in Ballinger.

Summer Music Class. I will begin a summer term in music Monday, May 21st. Pupils desiring to study will please call or phone and make arrangements. Very respectfully, OLGA H. SCHLAWER

C. P. SHEPHERD ATTORNEY-AT-LAW and NOTARY PUBLIC

WEST TEXAS TRAITORS FORM CONSPIRACY AGAINST U. S.

Indictments returned by the Federal grand jury at San Angelo last week against a gang of conspirators operating in this section, and the arrest of the leaders is responsible for considerable excitement in the places where the arrests were made.

Eight of the leaders were carried to Dallas Sunday, and it is reported that at least a dozen others will be carried to that city where they will be held for further developments or released on bond.

One of the men held is T. A. Hickey, editor of "The Rebel," a Socialist paper, and a former candidate for governor of Texas on the Socialist ticket. Hickey was released at Abilene Saturday on a \$1,000 bond.

The first leaking out of the wholesale investigation being made by the Federal authorities occurred at Snyder last week when eight men were arrested there on indictments returned by the Federal grand jury in session at San Angelo. Later a more detailed account of the great conspiracy was given by the San Angelo Standard, following a statement made by a Federal officer.

The plot is said to be the most gigantic conspiracy against the American government ever formed. If the alleged traitors had been successful in putting in operation their plot it would have caused a revolution throughout West Texas that would have cost hundreds of lives.

It is the opinion of the Federal officers that the plot uncovered at Snyder and for which the indictments were returned at San Angelo, is only a part of a plan which takes in the entire nation, and is the result of an anarchistic influence being backed by German money.

The arrest in Stonewall county of T. A. Hickey, by state ranger last Thursday night is believed to have been the first arrest in connection with rounding up of the plotters. Reports later from Snyder said that eight others had been arrested and later twelve others were arrested at Rotan. Names of those taken to Dallas Sunday are given as Bob Benton, B. E. Beeson, W. Y. Butler, H. R. (Sho-ty) Wren, R. J. Jones, Will Bradley and D. P. Childers. These men were placed in jail at Dallas, and refused to make a statement when called on by reporters.

The parties arrested are charged by indictments, returned by the Federal grand jury, with conspiracy, and the indictments allege that on or about March 1, 1917, in Scurry county, unlawful, wickedly and feloniously, conspire together to oppose by force the authority of the United States of America. The second count is more specific than the first, and is as follows:

(1) To oppose by force the raising of an army by the United States by conscription or otherwise; (2) to forcibly take from the possession of the duly authorized peace officers or military officers of the United States any of said conspirators, who might be conscription, or otherwise, be enlisted or enrolled in the army or navy of the United States; (3) to destroy the property of the United States for the purpose of preventing the enrollment or enlistment, by conscription, or otherwise, of any of said conspirators and for the purpose of releasing from the custody of the duly authorized military or peace officers of the United States any of said conspirators charged with and held for violation of the laws of the United States; (4) to assault and kill the duly authorized officers and agents of the United States engaged under the authority of the United States in raising an army for the United States; (5) by obligating themselves, and other persons who might thereafter join in said conspiracy, whose names are to the grand jurors, unknown, to vote to acquit any of said conspirators charged with the violation of the laws of the United States before any jury, upon which any of said conspirators might be serving as jurors, regardless of the guilt or innocence of the member of said order so accused; (6) by threatening to take life of, or to do serious bodily injury to any of the said conspirators who should disclose to the duly authorized officers of the United States the existence of

such conspiracy, or the facts constituting same.

A Scurry county farmer is credited with being the man who notified the Federal officers of the conspiracy, according to unconfirmed reports from a source considered reliable. It is stated that the movement was inaugurated by the organization of farmers into a so-called protective union for co-operative purchasing advantages. All members pledged themselves to obey instructions from headquarters, it appearing that only the ring leaders were aware of the organization's intentions and purposes. Shortly came a command which ordered each man to purchase a 30-30 rifle and 100 rounds of ammunition and then the most diabolical part of the plot, as outlined by the second count of the indictment.

At this stage, it is asserted, the Scurry county farmer wired the government agents and a secret service man was soon on the scene. From his informant he learned the password and by means of it entered a secret session of the conspirators at Abilene. There he is understood to have obtained not only verbal confirmation of what he had been told, but orders in writing, which are thought to have led to the returning of the indictments in San Angelo.

Information received is to the effect that a delegation from the plotters on Sunday of last week called on the man who disclosed their plans and threatened his life. The farmer presented a bold front, however, and the would-be assassins departed without harming him. The patriot is said to have appeared before the grand jury in Angelt the latter part of last week, together with dozens of

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other men who had entered the conspiracy without being aware of its nature. It is reported that approximately 5,000 men in towns and communities along the Texas & Pacific railroad and other portions of Texas were enlisted in the movement before it was uncovered.

Other Arrest to Follow. Some of those arrested have been bound over to await the action of other Federal grand juries, and that other arrests will be made is freely predicted. It is believed that the conspiracy will be sifted to the very bottom by the Federal officers, as secret service men are known to be operating throughout the entire country, and many towns may contribute to the gang that is being rounded up.

Proper Food for Weak Stomachs. The proper food for one man may be all wrong for another. Every one should adopt a diet suited to his age and occupation. Those who have weak stomachs need to be especially careful and should eat slowly and masticate their food thoroughly. It is also important that they keep their bowels regular. When they become constipated or when they feel dull and stupid after eating, they should take Chamberlain's Tablets to strengthen the stomach and move the bowels. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect.

SPLENDID PUPIL

In writing up the program for Miss Olga Schawe's musical entertainment last Friday night the name of little Miss Ardath Stephens was omitted by some hook or crook and the little lady is one of Miss Olga's most efficient students and her part in the recent program was splendid.

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T. J. Carter left Monday at noon for San Angelo to visit his daughter and help her to garden a few days.

Mrs. R. O. Walton and little son and daughter left Sunday afternoon to visit relatives at Meridian, Texas, a few weeks.

Pure Moberne Triumph cotton seed for sale by Jeanes Produce Co. 6-d&w-tf

J. F. McMillan, who is superintending the moving of the cotton compress from San Angelo to Lubbock, after a short visit with home folks, returned to San Angelo Monday at noon.

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Robert Stephenson of Brownwood, who had been at the bedside of his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zack Snell, left for home Sunday.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co. Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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Mrs. A. J. Marberry, of San Angelo, came in Saturday afternoon to visit Ballinger friends a few days.

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TELLS OF LIFE AT CAMP FUNSTON

Representative Wallace E. Hawkins, who is at present being trained for an officer's position at Camp Funston, Leon Springs, Texas, writes The Ledger the following interesting letter:

Camp Funston, Co. 3, Officer's Reserve. Gentlemen:—We fellows have been with Uncle Sam for practically two weeks of work. This is no play camp nor picnic—we work like Trojans for 10 hours daily, no time for anything except keep in good physical condition in order to meet every demand that the officers make of us. It is the busiest bunch you ever saw. I can only wish that America could be working as hard as these boys here to prepare to perform our pressing duty to the world.

Backmann-Hallwag would be coolly disappointed if he could see the blistered feet, scalded bodies, the attentive ears, the tramp of the boys as they set a heretofore selfish step to the cadence of the guide. If he could see the 3,000 fellows, who by the way, are the real flower of the land, at night from 7:30 to 9:30 after a day of strenuous 'squad', 'right', 'port arms', 'attention', etc, I say if he could see these boys and men with tired bodies but with eager minds poring over the book trying to gain every bit of knowledge. All we ask is be patient for awhile, and the officers end of America's gift to the world will be in a position to begin the training of our nation for war.

Our boys say if it is France for us—"Hurrah!" If the trenches for us—"Hurrah!" All we ask is a chance.

Sincerely, WALLACE HAWKINS.

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Misses Susie and Stella Cole, of Glen Clove, who had been the guests of their aunt Mrs. Clara Ransom, left for their home Saturday afternoon.

C. A. Orbeck of the Ballinger State Bank, left Sunday afternoon on a short visit to friends at Coleman.

When the baby takes too much food the stomach turns; the result is indigestion, sourness and vomiting. Frequently the bowels are involved and there is colic pains and diarrhoea. McGee's Baby Elixir is a grand corrective remedy of babies. It is pure, wholesome and pleasant to take. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

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

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

KAISER'S PLAN FOR DOMINATING WORLD

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Germany's next peace declaration, expected to suggest a program of territorial renunciation of the east and west, is regarded here as largely answered before hand by information revealing for the first time the full scope of the imperial government's aspirations for conquest in the south. This information discloses as one of the primary aims of the war a plan for concentration of an impenetrable military and economic unit stretching from the North sea to the Mediterranean—cutting Europe permanently in half, controlling the Dardanelles, the Aegean and the Baltic and eventually forming the backbone of a Prussian world empire.

In the light of German history the plan shows how implicitly the kaiser has followed out the blood and iron political-economic methods of Bismarck for development of Prussian power. Considered in view of the present war map, it shows that the major portion of the kaiser's war program has been accomplished, regardless of what disposition is made of conquered territory in France, Belgium and Russia. A full realization of this situation adds a new force to the repeated declarations of allied statesmen that the German peace maneuvers are in reality war moves and that a premature truce only would give Germany a resting period in which to further Prussianize. Although officials have refrained from definite public expressions of what the United States might demand as a peace guarantee, these possibilities recall with recurring emphasis President Wilson's declaration that America might fight until "the world is made safe for democracy."

How minutely defined is the German plan and how accurately it is being carried out have become fully apparent only with the opening up during the last few weeks of several new avenues of information. The return of American diplomatic agents from the central empires, the visit of the British and French war missions, detailed confidential reports of the recent frank expressions in the reichstag and in the German press and deduction of alert American agents abroad watching the newest peace moves have supplied the explanation of more than one hitherto obscured feature of the German policy. In her southeastern conquests it now is apparent that Germany has followed the long established plans of the Pan-German league, whose propaganda had been regarded outside of Germany as the harmless activity of extremists too radical to be taken seriously. Coupled with this plan, as an instrument of economic concentration, the German officials have used with only slight modifications the system of customs union expansion which aided Prussia in former years to extend her dominations over the other German states now making up the empire.

As early as 1911, the Pan-German league is said to have circulated a definite propaganda of conquest, with printed appeals containing maps of a greater Germany whose sway from Hamburg to Constantinople and then southeastward through Asiatic Turkey was marked out by boundaries virtually coincident with the military lines held today, under German officers, by the troops of Germany, Austro-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey. Adhesion of the German government itself to such a plan was not suspected by the other powers, although the propagandists were permitted to continue their activities unhindered and to spread their appeals in a country of strict press supervision through the Pan German Gazette and other radical publications. How closely the German government did adhere to the plan in reality has demonstrated clearly, it is considered now, by the course of the war. Following in the footsteps of Bismarck, Emperor William chose war as the means of establishing the broad pathway to the southeast which was essential for realization of the dream of a great Germany.

A Flood of Cash Drawer Suggestions

There will be a veritable flood of new suggestions in advertising and selling methods—a world of workable, worth while ideas—the kind that ring the cash register—at the great

13th Annual Convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World at St. Louis, June 3 to 7

—for this great gathering of 5,000 or 6,000 people who sell things will be a school, Mr. Business Man, for YOU. No bone dry theories, no indefinite assertions, but living facts. It is to be a school of applied ideas and it will have real money value to you, whether you invest \$200 or \$200,000 in advertising and selling campaigns. Bring problems—take home answers! Remember the slogan: "Advertising lowers cost of distribution."

Make your plans NOW to go! You don't have to belong to an advertising club to attend. For further information and literature address: Associated Advertising clubs, Indianapolis, or ask

Ballinger Ad Club
A. R. Crews, Secy.



ADVERTISING LOWERS COST OF DISTRIBUTION

E. B. Killingsworth of the New Home neighborhood, and L. D. Clark, of the Valley creek country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Road to Happiness

Be amiable, cheerful and good natured and you are much more likely to be happy. You will find this difficult, if not impossible, however, when you are constantly troubled with constipation. Take Chamberlain's Tablets and get rid of that and it will be easy. These tablets not only move the bowels, but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion.

Mrs. George Pearce, who had been several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Cross Baker at Navasota returned home Monday at noon.

Sallow complexion is due to a torpid liver. Herbine purifies and strengthens the liver and bowels health to the cheek. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Notice of Hearing to Appropriate Waters.

THE STATE OF TEXAS Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that W. A. Glenn, E. A. Brookshire and V. B. Bailey, the post office address of each of whom is Maverick Texas, did on the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1917, file their joint application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, in which they apply for a permit to impound and appropriate a sufficient quantity of water to irrigate 185 acres of land described in said application, from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, to be impounded and diverted from the storm and flood waters of the Colorado river. Said water to be impounded by construction of a dam in an cross said stream, the same about 150 feet long and six high, thus creating an impounded reservoir, having a capacity of 376,000 cubic feet; said dam located 35 vrs. above the east corner of the E. W. Vey No. 333 and on the river, 13 miles in a section from the tower, in Runnels Co.

You are hereby notified that the lands proposed to be irrigated consist of the Plessman Survey by E. A. Brookshire and V. B. Bailey, out of the E. V. 333, now owned and aggregated and located in Runnels Co. A. Hearin

plication of the said W. A. Glenn et al, will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at its office, in the city of Austin, County of Travis, said State on Monday, the 28th day of May, A. D., 1917, beginning at ten o'clock a. m., at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable, and proper.

Given under, and by virtue of, an order of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at the office of said Board, in Austin, Texas, this 23rd day of April, A. D., 1917.

J. C. NAGLE, E. B. GORE, Board.

Attest: (Seal) W. T. POTTER, Secretary.

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

Get Rid of Your Rheumatism

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. You will find Chamberlain's Liniment a great help. The relief which it affords is alone worth many times its cost.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

Used 40 Years CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Sold Everywhere

Your First Deposit

A DOLLAR saved and put in the bank—not hoarded—is a dollar employed. That means prosperity. Uncertainty as to the future should induce you to make that first deposit of a dollar or more here today. Today—don't delay!



For Cleaning, Pressing and Repairing---Pl

After Every Meal

WRIGLEY'S

The Flavor Lasts

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH OF CHRIST.

"The Past, Present and Future of America and the Church" was the subject discussed by Evangelist Bediehek at the Church of Christ Sunday and a large crowd heard the able discourse. The two most important institutions around which centers the greatest interest of all the citizens of America and Christ kingdom. Drawing inspiration and encouragement from the past achievements both in the heroic efforts put forth by the faithful few in civil government and religion in the great forward movement, involving our present form of civilization and christianity.

"Now is the time—today is the day of salvation. Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." America with all of her forces, means and power properly mobilized for the best service at home and abroad. The church in order to fill her place in the great affairs of the world must keep step with America by mobilizing her

forces, means and power. When the war clouds have rolled by forever will the church have advanced equally as well in making sure her future usefulness?

There were no services at the Church of Christ Sunday night, the church attending services at the Methodist church.

E. A. Bediehek.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND

Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. They will cure all the troubles that come to you. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best. Sold Always. Always Reliable.

SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

Mrs. W. E. Brooks and little son, visited friends at Winters between jitney trips Saturday afternoon.

Carroll Mullins left Saturday afternoon for Victoria to spend some time on a business trip.

Spring Has Opened

up and now is the time to get your saddles and harness. Also auto top repairing, at the Busy Shop, H. L. Wendorf, Prop. 16-17fdw

DIPLOMAS DELIVERED DESPITE DOWNPOUR

Despite the down pouring of a refreshing rain just at the time when their friends had been invited to assemble at the Carnegie Library Saturday evening and witness the graduating exercises of twenty-six graduates of the local high school. The rain did not interfere with the carrying out of the program, but prevented many from attending, and the crowd who witnessed the happiest moments in the lives of those who received diplomas was perhaps the smallest ever to attend a graduating exercise in this city. A number of the graduates who live in the country were not able to be present, but those present received their diplomas and the others were delivered later. Dr. Tolman delivered the address to the class, and the program as previously announced in this paper was carried out.

On Sunday night following, at the Methodist church, Rev. J. B. Curry delivered the Baccalaureate address to as large a crowd as it was possible for the Methodist church to seat. Special music was rendered by a large choir, and preceding the sermon Dr. B. E. Wallace invoked God's blessings upon the educational institutions of our land, the men and women who are devoting their lives to teaching the children, and the graduating class of twenty-six who occupied seats directly in front of the platform.

Six rows of seats had been roped off with class colors in front of the platform. Three of the rows of seats were intended for the parents of the graduates and the first three rows were reserved for the graduates. The seats reserved for the parents were not half enough and they had to be seated throughout the audience wherever seats could be found for them.

Rev. Curry used as his text in addressing the class of young men and women that familiar passage of scripture which says, "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed, to the renewing of your minds," and the speaker in a strong appeal urged the young graduates not to drift with the tide of the world and be slaves to their environments, but to strive to be master of their environments. He told how easy it was to be made by environments instead of making the environments. The full text of the able message delivered to the graduating class and the large crowd of friends will be given in full in the Tuesday's issue of this paper.

"THE LOST BIBLE" IS REVIVAL FIRST SUBJECT

Dr. B. E. Wallace began a series of sermons at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday morning. Dr. Wallace is here to assist the pastor, Rev. Atwood in a revival and two services each day have been announced, ten o'clock in the forenoon and eight o'clock at night. A most cordial invitation has been extended to all to attend these services.

For his first sermon Dr. Wallace read the 8th verse of the 22 chapter of Second Kings, "I have found the Book," and announced as his subject "The Lost Book." He said in part:

"During the reigns of Manasseh and Amon, a period of fifty-seven years, the bible in the kingdom of Judah was a lost book. How did Judah lose her book? When we look into the situation during these years we find that the bible was lost.

"First, by neglect. The king became careless and neglected to have the bible read and preached throughout his kingdom. The prophet became indifferent and forgot his bible. The priest became worldly in his thoughts and deeds and neglected the essential book of his office. A neglected book is a lost book.

"Second, the Bible was lost by substitution. The literature of the heathen nations around Judah was put in place of God's law. A substituted book is a lost book.

"Third, it was lost by openly discarding it—neglected, to substitution and substitution led to the complete abrogation of the Bible. This brought perilous times upon the kingdom.

"What did Judah lose when he lost the Bible?

"First, she lost her great men and women. She lost the mould by which they are made. It takes the truth of God to make men great. The greatness of a nation resides in the moral stamina of its citizenship.

"Second, she lost the righteous influence of her homes—home life of the people became corrupt when the Bible was gone, and there went out from the sacred precincts

of the home young men and women unanchored to God, unsettled in character and unhitched to the noblest ideals of life.

"Third, she lost the vital force of religion. It takes the Bible to keep the heart right and warm toward God and man.

"How Judah found her Bible.

"First, she found the book when Josiah, the good king, ascended the throne. When good men rule religion flows.

"Second, she found the book when she went to the Temple—I have found the book in the house of the Lord.

"Third, men find their Bibles when they go to church. A church going nation is a Bible reading people.

"What Judah found when she found her Bible: Repentance. The king rent his clothes; the people were sorry for their sins and cried out for mercy. She found repentance and the temple was cleaned out, homes purified, hearts cleaned. She found a revival. People were brought back to God, and their faith in Him renewed. Their love for Jehovah was strongly warmed and there was great rejoicing in the land."

Dizziness, vertigo, (blind staggers) sallow complexion, flatulence are symptoms of a torpid liver. No one can feel well while the liver is inactive. Herbine is a powerful liver stimulant. A dose or two will cause all bilious symptoms to disappear. Try it. Price 50c. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. John Simmons, of the Pony creek country, are rejoicing over the arrival of a 12 pound baby born to them Tuesday, May 18th.

Mrs. Aubry Dunn left Saturday afternoon for Bangs to visit relatives and friends a few days.

RAISE TWO CHICKS

For every one you counted on. Reduce the awful death rate. Don't spend good money and time to hatch chicks and then lose them before you get any profit.

CONKEY'S LICE POWDER dusted on the setting hen gets the body lice before the chicks hatch out, and keeps them off the delicate chicks. 25c.

CONKEY'S BUTTERMILK STARTING FOOD is great for the little fellows. Makes them husky. Keeps off disease. Buy a Bag \$1.00.

CONKEY'S GAFEREMEDY should be ready against the appearance of the 40-foot long worm. 25c. 50c.

CONKEY'S WHITE DIARRHEA REMEDY in the drinking water keeps outbreaks of cholera, typhoid, dysentery, and other diseases. 25c. 50c.

CONKEY'S HEAD LICE OINTMENT rubbed on the chick's head gets the unsightly head lice. 25c.

CONKEY'S POULTRY TONIC keeps all birds in vigorous health all year round. 25c. 50c.

Write to save your chicks this season. Put a Conkey Corner in Your Poultry House.

E. A. JEANES & CO.

Mrs. Joe Currie and baby, of Taylor, was the guests of her aunt, Mrs. Jo Hardin and family Saturday, while en route home from a visit to relatives at Paint Rock.

In the whole field of medicine there is not a healing remedy that will repair damage to the flesh more quickly than Ballard's Snow Liniment. In cuts, wounds, sprain, burns, scalds and rheumatism, its healing and penetrating power is extraordinary. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.



A Laundry Convenience

A stationary wash tub, with hot and cold running water right at your elbow, takes the drudgery out of washing. No carrying of water. Simply turn a faucet and the water is there—just as you need it.

And no struggling with cumbersome tubs. Merely pull a plug and your tub empties itself.

Whether your washing is large or small, this system will lighten your work. Let us figure on the installation for you.

We also do prompt, neat and efficient repair work.

E. G. Allison & Son
Phone 136

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

Now is the time to catch the BIG ONES---

We have the tackle you'll need. No kit is complete without artificial baits such as Dowagiacs, the Skidder Pork Rind and the Little Egypt Wiggler. They will catch fish in waters that are supposed to be "fished."

THE WALKER DRUG CO.

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GIRL'S STATEMENT WILL HELP BALLINGER.

Here is the girl's own story: "For years I had dyspepsia, sour stomach, and constipation. I drank hot water and olive oil by the gallon. Nothing helped me until I tried buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ika. One Spoonful helped me INSTANTLY." Because Adler-ika flushes the entire alimentary tract it relieves any case of constipation, sour stomach, or gas and prevents appendicitis. It has quickest action of anything we ever sold. The Walker Drug Co.

Mrs. Charlie Killingsworth and children returned home Saturday afternoon from a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hamilton of Miles, the past several days.

Barbed wire cuts, ragged wounds, collar and harness galls heal up quickly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. It is both healing and antiseptic. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Walker Drug Co.

QUEEN
Tonight

PICTURE PROGRAM

Seven Deadly Sins—H. B. Warner in—
"WRATH"
A five reel drama of today. With a notable cast, including Sherly Mason and George Guere.

Tomorrow, Thomas A. Edison will present—"The Master Passion."

Children 10c
Adults 15c

STATEMENT of Condition

...THE...

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER
May 1st, 1917

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$398,839.91
U. S. Bonds	26,500.00
Banking House, F. and F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,900.00
Acceptances (Cotton)	41,607.93
Cash and Exchange	122,729.80
	\$618,577.64

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	56,117.13
Unearned Interest	9,000.00
Circulation	25,000.00
Deposits	428,460.51
	\$618,577.64

The above statement is correct. R. G. Erwin.

We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted to us, making it possible for us to render this most satisfactory statement.

...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.

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