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## ANOTHER GERMAN WAR PLOT DISCLOSED Spies Try to Make Breach Between America and Allies

### ASKS TROOPS TO STOP RIOTING IN ST. LOUIS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 29.—Upon receipt of information from East St. Louis that the situation there growing out of the race riots last night was assuming a dangerous aspect, Governor Lowden ordered five companies of infantry and one troop of cavalry to go at once to the scene of the trouble.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 29.—Attorney General Brundage today received a telegram from the States' attorney of St. Clair county, Illinois, informing him that he is dispatching a message to Governor Lowden asking the State executive to rush troops to East St. Louis, Ill., to be used to quell race riots there. Militia is also wanted to protect citizens and property of the city until quiet is restored.

The message to the attorney general stated that the negroes are mobilizing, and the lawyer's message to the Governor will urge speed in sending troops.

### NO INCREASE IN TARIFF SCHEDULE

WASHINGTON, May 29.—By a unanimous vote the senate finance committee decided today to strike out of the house provision of the revenue bill that clause which imposes ten per cent increase on all tariff schedule items.

### BUYS BALLINGER PROPERTY.

C. A. Weldon and G. H. Flowers of Brownwood, were in Ballinger Monday and closed up the deal in which Mr. Flowers sold to Mr. Weldon a nice residence on Strawn avenue and Mr. Weldon informed us that he and his family would move to our city soon to make their home.

### W. O. W. PROPOSES INCREASE IN DUES

Every member of the W. O. W. Lodge has received a notice to be present at the regular meeting of the order to be held Friday evening of this week and express himself on the question of levying a special assessment of eight cents per month. Four cents of the extra assessment proposed, if authorized by the members, will go into the sick benefit fund and four cents to the building fund.

It will be remembered that the Woodmen recently purchased the Opera House hall and converted that hall into a lodge room. In doing this considerable debt was incurred, and by different means it is expected to soon pay off this debt. The small assessment to be submitted for its approval will help to pay the debt.

The object of the Woodmen of the World is to provide funds for those in need, and while the insurance feature is considered the most important feature of this order by many of the members, the fraternal feature should not be overlooked. The fraternal feature is to care for those in distress, help the sick, and the four cents assessed against each member will add greatly to the sick benefit fund and when there is medicine to buy and nurses to be employed for sick members, and other help call for by the unfortunate members the lodge will be in a position to help them.

Eight cents per month will only amount to ninety-six cents per year, and no one should object to paying this amount to help care for those in need, and for providing a home for the order to carry on its work in.

### HAD RATHER GO TO PEN THAN TO WAR.

The officers are confronted with the big problem of getting the Mexicans in this country to register, and during the last few days, assisted by an interpreter, the officers have been busy trying to hand out some friendly advice in instructing the Mexicans how to register. Talking through an interpreter a local officer made a Mexican understand this week that if he failed to register he would be sent to the pen for twelve months. The Mexican very promptly gave the officer to understand that it was the pen for him, and he would rather go to the pen than to war. It developed that the Mexican had experienced a taste of Villa life across the border.

### WOULD STOP DRAFTING BY INJUNCTION

KANSAS CITY, May 29.—Petition for an injunction to prevent federal authorities from enforcing the draft law was filed with circuit court here today. The petition was filed by an attorney for a so-called federation for Democratic Council. Prominent attorneys express the opinion that the petition for the injunction will not get very far.

### TEXAS SHORT ON SCHOOL TEACHERS

According to information given out by Dr. F. Eby, chairman of the teachers' committee of the University of Texas, the demand for school teachers in Texas is far in excess of the supply, and many districts are appealing to the committee to secure for them good teachers.

During the session of 1916-17 applications were made to this committee for persons to fill 885 positions, but the committee was able to supply only about 400 at salaries ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year. The total amount paid to teachers placed in positions by the University authorities for the present year totals more than \$100,000.

For the present session applications have so far been received for more than 500 teachers and the indications are this number will reach 1000 before the beginning of the fall term, but is very likely it will be possible to fill this demand.

### CONCENTRATED LYE CAUSES BABY'S DEATH.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gentry, of Melwood avenue today received a message announcing the death of their little grandson, the eighteen months old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Williams of Seminole, Sunday morning.

The message stated that the baby in some manner found a can of concentrated lye, and swallowed a quantity of the substance. Further details of the tragedy were not given.—Brownwood Bulletin.

### WILL DRAFT SOME MARRIED MEN IN FIRST LEVY OF ARMY

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Only that every married man would be excluded from the first levy. This announcement means that men whose wives or children have means of support will be liable to military service.

However, Secretary Baker said today that the department hopes to exempt as many married men as possible. Official announcement from the War Department today set at rest the general belief

that every married man would be excluded from the first levy. This announcement means that men whose wives or children have means of support will be liable to military service.

An estimate from the Census Bureau today revealed that fact that almost half the men available for draft under the law are married. Any sweeping exclusion of married men would seriously deplete material, officials say.

### GENERAL STRIKE IN S. AMERICAN STATE

BUENOS AIRES, May 29.—The Federation of Labor proclaimed a general strike throughout Uruguay today. Dispatches from Montevideo received here indicate that the government fears serious trouble and announced that soldiers had been used to replace police on duty.

### MANY STORES WORK FOR MARINE RECRUITS

WASHINGTON, May 29.—By linking up their store news, advertising and window displays with a current national event of general popular interest, many stores of the institutional type from coast to coast have offered to cooperate with the country's first line of defense in its concerted and determined effort to secure 4,000 enlistments during Marine Corps National Recruiting Week, June 10-16, according to advices from Marine Corps Headquarters here.

This patriotic cooperation is thought to be due to a realization of the fact that the Government's call for the immediate recruiting of the Marine Corps to full war strength is imperative in order that its personnel may be properly trained for immediate overseas duties, and with a desire to "do their bit" by assisting in bringing about this end.

### WEALTHY MEXICANS BUY LIBERTY BONDS

DALLAS, May 29.—Citizens of Mexico, both in Juarez and El Paso, on the American side of the international boundary line, are subscribing liberally to the "Liberty Loan Bonds," according to word brought here by E. B. Tennant of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank, who attended the State Bankers' Association convention at El Paso.

"It was surprising to me," said Tennant declared, "how liberally the wealthy Mexicans are purchasing the bonds. Whether it be from a patriotic standpoint or from the viewpoint of a good investment, they are subscribing in large amounts. It may be that they are doing it as a matter of protection."

Mrs. Arthur Dooze and two little daughters, left Tuesday morning for Talpa to visit her sister, Mrs. Maud Foreman, a few days.

### VIOLENT OFFENSIVE RESUMED BY FRENCH

PARIS, May 29.—The French war office announces the resumption of violent fighting with heavy artillery fire along a great part of the Champagne front, and it is taken to mean that the French have renewed their offensive operations in that sector.

### CATTLE SHIPMENT.

J. A. Nichols and Street & Middleton shipped out Monday a carload each of fat cattle to the Ft. Worth markets and Mr. Nichols left in the afternoon for that place to sell the stock.

Wiley Hinds of Winters, shipped from this point a carload of cattle to Fort Worth.

Charlie Wimberly and Lonnie and Judson Baldwin of the Crews country, shipped out Tuesday two cars of fat cattle to the Fort Worth market.

### LODGE MEETS.

Ballinger Lodge No. 29 K. of P. met last evening in regular session. Much business was transacted and enthusiasm and interest was very much in evidence. Nomination of officers was an enthusiastic display of interest.

On June 4th, 1917, election of officers will take place and possibly work in the third rank will be introduced in after which the good cheer dispensed by this order will be in evidence. The Grand Lodge representative will describe the duties of the Grand Lodge—do your duty and be present.

### FARMERS FROM 16 COUNTIES COMING

The Pecan Valley District Farmers Union No. 26 will hold its annual meeting in Ballinger, beginning July 17th at 3 p. m. A letter from the secretary of the District Union, H. J. Guyer, of Brownwood, received this week, stated that the meeting was being well advertised and that prominent members of the union from all over Texas would be here, and that the sixteen counties comprising the district would be well represented.

This convention will consist of closed sessions, but there will be a number of open sessions to which the public will be invited, and the citizens of Ballinger will of course be expected to furnish some form of entertainment during the convention, and it is expected that a local committee will take up this work at an early date and cooperate with the union committee.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Another startling German plot was revealed before the House Interstate Commerce Committee today.

Secretary Lansing disclosed the fact that Germany or German officials attempted shortly before this nation's war declaration to involve the United States in differences with England and France through the organization of a big steamship company that was to deliberately violate foreign trading agreements with hostile acts.

The plot is now being investigated by Department of Justice operatives upon authority of reliable government information, Mr. Lansing told the committee.

Secretary of State Lansing, Secretary of Commerce Redfield, and Assistant Attorney General Warren, were before the Interstate Commerce Committee in behalf of the Adamson trading with the enemy act.

Mr. Lansing was questioned by the committee members regarding the real need for the act. The query brought from the secretary the declaration that Germany had been trying to foment trouble between the United States and England or France.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Odom and Mrs. John F. Currie left Monday afternoon for Hot Springs, Ark., where Mr. Odom goes to recuperate a few weeks.

### Dry Weather Prevails in West.

Kenzie Routh came in from his ranch in Glascock county Tuesday, and is here seeking grass for his cattle, which he says he must move to save them and keep them from eating their heads off on war-time prices for feed. A severe drought prevails throughout a good portion of West Texas and the livestock interest is suffering. Mr. Routh has kept his cattle in good shape by feeding, but at present prices for feed it does not take a cow long to eat her head off.

### AUSTRIAN STRONGHOLD SURROUNDED

ROME, May 29.—The southern wing of the Austrian line is being slowly turned backward under the tremendous leverage of General Cadorna's full force of arms. The Italian army is exerting its full strength in an offensive movement westward on the Hermaean plateau north of Duino. Duino itself is bounded on one side by the Gulf of Trieste, and Trieste is surrounded on two other sides by the Italian troops, and the strong hold is all but detached from Austrian hold. The Italian line is in sight of the town of Ruins, and the capture of Duino is momentarily expected.

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WASHINGTON, May 29.—Uncle Sam glanced at his trial balance April 1, 1917, and gleaned the following brief statement of his condition.

Assets . . . \$200,000,000,000 plus  
Liabilities 1,023,357,250

In other words, the total material wealth of the United States was in excess of two hundred billion dollars, some estimates placing it as high as two hundred and twenty five billions. The last official total was in 1912 when the figures was one hundred eighty seven billions. On April 1, 1917, our national debt was slightly over a billion. Uncle Sam's debts as compared with his assets were about as one is to 220.

But the smile that decorated Uncle Sam's face was not inspired entirely by the statement of his comparative debts and credits. He looked at the record of national income and saw that the total was forty billions of dollars a year, or forty times his debts. He took out his pencil and made some comparisons. He found that his national income had increased more than 33 per cent in the last seven years, and more than 115 per cent in the last seventeen years.

Continuing further with the inventory, the old gentleman turned to the page devoted to foreign trade and discovered that this item for 1916 amounted to between seven and eight billions of dollars, or more than double that of the previous year. He peered over at the page where it is recorded the distribution of the world's gold supply, and discovered that he possessed nearly three billions of dollars of gold, or one third of the world's total. He discovered that there were no deposit in banks and trust companies, of his realm, approximately 25 billions of dollars, and that there was borrowed from banks and trust companies, for commercial purposes, about eighteen billions of dollars.

In addition to keeping a good set of books on his own business, Uncle also kept books on the affairs of his neighbors. He made some interesting comparisons and discovered that the material wealth of the United States was greater than that of any two nations on earth. He found that it was as great as the total combined wealth of Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy. It was more than double that of England, four times that of France and eight times that of Italy. His notes indicated that at the beginning of the war the total material wealth of Germany was eighty-five billions of dollars, and that of Great Britain eighty billions. Verily this giant of the West, contemplating these figures, for the first time, really became conscious of his greatness.

Then Uncle Sam began to investigate the debit accounts of his neighbors. He found that since the beginning of the war—August first, 1914—Great Britain had borrowed in excess of nineteen billions of dollars which, added to the national debt previously existing, made a total indebtedness in excess of twenty-five billion dollars, and which, by the end of 1917 would approach thirty billion dollars.

He discovered that since 1914 France had borrowed approximately eleven billion dollars, that Germany had borrowed fourteen billions, which added to its previous debt of one billion two hundred dollars, made a new total, including accrued interest, of approximately sixteen billion dollars.

He noted that since 1914 Russia had borrowed about eight billion dollars; that Austria had borrowed in excess of six billions; Italy two and one half billions and Hungary almost two billion billion dollars.

He computed that by the end of 1917 Great Britain would have practically one third of her national wealth mortgaged; that France would have easily one-fourth; and that Germany, the chief of the central powers, would soon have approximately one-fourth of its assets mortgaged.

He noted that Germany alone pays an annual interest charge of approximately \$832,000,000.

Then Uncle Sam realized that to date he had borrowed less than one two-hundredredth of his assets; that to go into debt to the extent his European neighbors have borrowed would require borrowing to the extent of nearly fifty billions. This volume of money would enable him to conduct five years of warfare with an annual expenditure equal to that which Great Britain is now making.

So, in spite of the fact that the Liberty Loan multiplies the national debt by seven, in spite of the fact that it is the largest loan ever offered in the world's history, a comparison of the proposed debt, with our resources, compels the conclusion that such a volume of borrowing, under present conditions, will hardly impair, to the slightest degree, the nation's credit and the successful consummation of this loan will not require anything like the financial strain that most European nations have already successfully undergone.

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### MANY GOING BEFORE FEDERAL GRAND JURY.

Fifteen or twenty witnesses left here Sunday morning for Dallas to appear before the federal grand jury in connection with the campaign against the anti-conscriptionists. Included in the number were U. S. Commissioner Girard and State Ranger Weir.

Frank Bolt, one of the seven mentioned in the misdemeanor indictment returned here Saturday by the grand jury in the district court, was taken into custody Sunday but quickly made bond in the sum of \$300 and was released.

It was reported here that all persons held at Haskell were released Saturday. — Abilene Reporter.

Many of the members who were caught in the anti-conscription club are said to be losing no time to get before the grand jury and tell what they know, and plead their innocence. So far there has been nothing developed in this county to indicate that Runnels county has within its borders men who are members of the Farmers' and Laborers' Protective Association, although several men from this county have been called before the federal grand jury during the last few weeks, probably on other matters. It is to be hoped that Runnels county's skirts will not be soiled by such treasonable tricks.

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"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." This of those dreadful coughing spells, remedy is also good for colds and croup.

### LOCAL DOCTOR CALLED TO SERVICE

Dr. E. R. Walker received a call Tuesday calling him to come to Austin and stand examination for service in Uncle Sam's army. Dr. Walker will be examined for the medical corps, and if accepted he will be assigned to duty in some of the training camps and if the war continues will no doubt be called to the front with the boys. Dr. Walker has a brother who is a Colonel in the regular army and is stationed at Washington and is in line for a prominent promotion at an early date.

Mebane Cotton Seed, \$1.00 per bushel. West Texas Grain Co. 29-tfdw

### Receive New Motion Picture Machine.

Reeder & Cohen received their new Powers 6B motion picture projector today and are busy assembling the big fellow for display in the show windows of the Walker Drug Co.

This new Powers 6B is said to be superior to anything on the market; one improvement consisting of a take up box that will hold three thousand feet of film. Any angle of focus can be used with the new machine, and practically no noise is made in running. After a few days the projector will be installed in the Queen Theatre.

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### Post Office Closes Tomorrow.

In observance of Decoration Day the post office at Ballinger will be closed to business tomorrow, May 30. The city carriers will make one delivery in the forenoon, but will not go out afternoon. The rural carriers will not go out. The general delivery window will be open from one-thirty to two o'clock in the afternoon. Patrons will govern themselves accordingly.  
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Prof. Fleming will leave within a day or two for San Marcos, Texas, where he goes to do nine weeks work in the State Normal at that place, teaching in the summer normal. He will be absent from the city for about two months, but will return in time to get everything in shape for the opening of the 1917-18 term of school.

Prof. Fleming taught in the San Marcos Normal last summer and it is quite a boost for him to be called back for the summer normal again this summer. He taught in the Baylor University summer school the two previous summers, and his standing with the educational institutions of the state is clearly indicated by the fact that he is seldom given a summer's vacation, but is called on every summer to do normal work.

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## JUNE 5TH MAY BE HOLIDAY IN BALLINGER

In order that there may be no slackers, either on purpose or through oversight, Gov. Ferguson has issued a proclamation calling attention to the president's draft proclamation, and urging that June 5th be set apart as a state holiday, and that all business be suspended for this day.

In keeping with the proclamation it has been suggested that this day be observed as a holiday in Ballinger and that the people show respect for the solemnity of the day by suspending business. It is probable that some concerted action will be taken looking to the closing of business houses on this day.

President Wilson's proclamation calls all male persons between the ages of 21 and 31, except members of the regular army and navy, to present themselves at their respective voting places thru out the country on the 5th day of June, 1917, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m., and register their names for military duty.

This means that some young man from Ballinger is going to war. It means that five hundred

thousand young men of America will be called upon to respond to duty, leave their business and homes and start on a journey that may lead into the trenches in France.

Many cities throughout the country have already announced that business will be suspended and that the day will be given over to patriotic demonstrations and everything possible done to prevent any one subject to call refusing to register and thereby facing federal prosecution.

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Max Russell and family moved their household goods Monday out to the Russell ranch, up the river, the former Bob Wylie ranch home, where they will spend the summer months, and will return to Ballinger when school begins.

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