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### BIG FIRE AT SANTA ANNA THREATENED ENTIRE CITY

Santa Anna, Oct. 12.—This city suffered a heavy fire loss this morning, and for a time the entire business section was threatened. At nine-thirty fire broke out in the rear of one of the buildings occupied by Adams & Childress and soon spread to three other buildings.

Adams & Childress carried a general merchandise stock, conducting a large business and occupied four buildings. It is not known what the loss amounts to, but the firm was incorporated for \$50,000, and the loss is in excess of this amount. It is not known how the fire originated, the flames having spread over the rear of one of the stores before it was discovered and soon spread over other stores.

The fire company from Coleman responded to call for help, and assisted the local fire company in getting the fire under control. A call had been sent to Brownwood, for help from that city, but later cancelled.

### STATE UNIVERSITY REGENTS RESIGNS

Austin, Oct. 11.—Dr. S. Jones, of Salado, member of the board of regents of the university tendered his resignation to Governor Hobby this afternoon. The governor accepted the resignation and appointed J. A. Kemp of Wichita Falls to fill the vacancy.

Wilbur P. Allen of Austin, today in a communication to Governor Hobby tendered his resignation as a member of the board of regents of the University of Texas. Mr. Allen had refused to resign while the senate had made several attempts to have him do so, but now that matters have quieted down, he tendered his resignation. Mr. Allen declined to discuss the resignation.

Governor Hobby this afternoon appointed Dr. Ralph Steiner of Austin as a member of the university of Texas board of regents to succeed Mr. Allen.

J. L. Speer of Winters was in Ballinger a few hours Friday.

### THREE CENT STAMPS READY FOR LICKING

The local postoffice has received a supply of three cent stamps, the stamps that will become the most popular and commonly used after Nov. 2nd. A three thousand dollar shipment of the stamps were made to the local postoffice some time ago, shortly after it became known that the new postage bill would be adopted.

Beginning on November 2nd all letters addressed to out of town offices will have to bear three cents postage instead of two cents as at present. This does not mean that you must place a three cent stamp on every letter, for you can use three ones or one two and a one, but for convenience sake the three cent stamp will be the go, and you will only use the smaller denomination when you have them on hand.

Letters intended for distribution at the local office or what is known as drop letters will get by with a two cent stamp as at present.

The new rate also effects postal cards and on and after November 2nd it will require two cents to carry a postal to its destination. The local office has not yet received a supply of the two cent postals, but have instructions to stick on an extra one cent stamp to take care of the postal card trade until the new cards can be issued.

So much for the war.

### NORTHINGTON APPOINTED CANTEEN STEWARD

K. V. Northington, who had been at home for a few days on a furlough, left Friday for San Antonio in response to a message from Corporal Allison that he was holding a position for Northington as canteen steward, provided that he could be in San Antonio by Saturday morning. He did not get to stay the full time allowed for his furlough, but returned to take the position. In his new place, he will have charge of the company store. There he will have a better and more congenial work, and will also be in line for a promotion.

### SUBMARINE WAR FARE IS A FAILURE

Washington, Oct. 12.—A cut of thirty-three per cent in the cost of government insurance for steamship crews traveling the submarine zone, is taken as a further evidence that the submarine warfare has failed in its effectiveness. The cut in this class of insurance was announced today, and will become effective at once.

The closing out sale in several lines is still in full blast at A. J. Zappe's.

R. G. Gottschalk of Winters was a business visitor to Ballinger Friday.

### FOOTBALL SCHEDULE COMPLETE FOR SEASON

This week is the only week in the season that Ballinger High will not play a football game. They were unable to match a game with any other team for this week, as all the other teams had their scheduled games filled up before hand. However, Coach Pieratt has arranged for one game a week for the remainder of the season.

The next three games will be played on the local gridiron. On Oct. 19, Santa Anna will line up against Ballinger. This is the first game with Santa Anna, and the Ballinger boys are confident of victory.

On Oct. 26, San Angelo will be in Ballinger for a return game. In the first game, played on San Angelo gridiron, Ballinger was defeated by a small score, and the return game promises to be a hard-fought one.

Coleman High will play its return game in Ballinger on Nov. 2. Coleman has strengthened its lineup since its defeat by Ballinger at the first of the season, and no doubt the score will be closer than in the first game.

During the remainder of the season, most of the games will be played away from Ballinger, games having been matched with Brownwood, Sweetwater and other teams.

### British Gain More Territory In Drive Over Ocean of Mud

#### TAX PAYMENTS ARE COMING VERY SLOW

Business has been dull around the tax collector's office, and Tax Collector Chastain is doing the watchful waiting act, until the eleventh hour when, as usual, there will be a rust.

Up to date Mr. Chastain has issued less than twenty poll tax receipts and county and state taxes are coming in at about the proportion. The tax payers are not worrying about whether the county treasurer is "defunct" or not, but they are worrying about where the tax money is coming from and many are wondering what they can do to keep their property off the delinquent roll, and pay the debt that must be paid.

On account of the short crop, and the conditions of the masses, it is probable that the tax paying season will close out with the longest list of delinquents in the history of the county. This is speculative, however, as many people may be able to arrange their money matters so as to square themselves with the government.

A heavy delinquent list will work a hardship on the schools, people should make an effort to pay their school tax whether they are able to pay the state and county taxes or not. The city, county and state can run on a credit, but the school must depend on the tax money for operating expenses, the board having no authority to contract debts by borrowing money, and teachers must have their pay.

#### Sour Stomach.

Eat slowly, masticate your food thoroughly, abstain from meat for a few days and in most cases the sour stomach will disappear. If it does not, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. Red meats are most likely to cause sour stomach, and you may find it best to eat them out.

### STATE FAIR WILL SHOW B. I. M. I. T. GOODS

Dallas, Oct. 12.—Individual exhibits which are going to make up the important comprehensive exposition of Texas made factory products in the "Buy-It-Made-In-Texas" division of the State Fair, are arriving in Dallas at the present time in score. Early indications are now that there will be from 150 to 175 exhibitors in this one section of the great State Fair.

The Buy It Made In Texas Association plans a very comprehensive program for the fair, and is making arrangements for thousands of visitors to its exhibits. This will occupy the right corridor, or south side of the Coliseum building, with each exhibitor having three by three feet.

Artistic designing is being followed in the preparation of the exhibits, and many novel features of the manufacturing art is predicted by the officers.

The association day, October 22nd, will be made notable for the fair by the visit of Clarence Ousley, assistant secretary of agriculture in charge of the food survey, and a general meeting of the Association membership with J. A. Kemp, president, in the chair. Mr. Ousley's speech will be open to the public, as his message will probably be of great interest to all Texans.

#### ELECTRIC POWER FOR IRRIGATION FARMS

It is probable that by the time irrigating season rolls around again, electric power will be pulling the big pumps for the irrigated farms on the Colorado river west of Ballinger. Such a proposition is fast in the forming.

Chas. Ferguson, who is a booster when it comes to developing the country along modern lines, has proposed to contribute the labor necessary to place the material on the ground if the power plant will furnish the material and construct the high power transmission line to distribute the current.

Manager Treadwell, of the local power plant, says that his company has this extension under consideration. If a sufficient number of farmers can be interested in the proposition to assure the power company that the investment will not work a loss to them, the line will be extended from Ballinger. When the high price of oil is taken into consideration, and the upkeep on gas engines and repairs, the power proposition has much the best of the deal. Pumping water by electricity is the most satisfactory and where current is distributed at a reasonable rate will bring a saving to the farmer who irrigates his land.

The proposition to connect the city pump up to the electric line and replace steam with electricity for pumping water for the city, is still pending. The delay is due to the fact that the necessary equipment for making the change can not be had at this time on account of the shortage of material and the great demand made on the electrical manufacturer by the government.

#### R. A. Masons, Attention

Stated meeting of Ballinger Chapter No. 184, tonight 8 p. m. All members urged to attend promptly, business of importance. Visiting companions cordially invited.

By Order High Priest.  
Attest: J. McGREGOR Sec'y.

### CAMP TRAVIS BOYS BUYS LIBERTY BONDS

E. D. Walker of the F. & M. Bank, is in receipt of a letter from his son Edmund, who is stationed at Camp Travis. The young man writes his father that the soldiers enjoyed pay day this week, and many of the boys invested their money in Liberty Bonds. According to the letter more than one hundred thousand dollars worth of the bonds were subscribed for by the soldiers at Camp Travis alone.

Think of that. You are enjoying home and association of loved ones, and then, if you have any conscience at all and a little spare money, don't stop until you get to the bank and place your order for a Liberty Bond. America's young men are not only giving their lives to the government, but are giving their money. We trust the Kaiser will get the news.

#### Croup.

If your children are subject to croup get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and when the attack comes on be careful to follow the plain printed directions. You will be surprised at the quick relief it affords.

With British Armies, Oct. 12.—All of the objectives were swept over and taken in the first dash of another tremendous British drive. The British waded through water and mud and achieved a great victory despite the fearful state of the ground which was literally an ocean of mud.

### CAMP LOGAN GETS MORE NEGRO TROOPS

Chicago, Oct. 12.—The movement of other negro troops to the southern camps began today when the Eighth Illinois negro infantry entrained. The negroes leaving today are moving under orders to go to Camp Logan at Houston.

### MAKING EFFORT TO AVERT STRIKE

New York, Oct. 12.—Every effort is being made to avert the threatened strike of marine workers on New York Bay. The government has been appealed to, to take a hand and settle the trouble between employees and employers. The strike is scheduled to take effect on November 1st.

B. M. Jackson of Abilene was in Ballinger Thursday between trains

### COURT EMPLOYS NEW GARDNER

The commissioners' court decided to accept the resignation of E. D. Haden, gardner for the county and who for the past year has had charge of the court house park, and on Thursday afternoon employed Jim Minyard, the man who has had charge of the Santa Fe park.

Mr. Haden will move to Bonham about Oct. 25th and will assume charge of the court house park in that city on Nov. 1st. Mr. Haden moved from Ballinger to Bonham several years ago and designed and built the park at that place. He resigned and returned to Ballinger.

While the county regrets to give up Mr. Haden the court is fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Minyard, as he has illustrated what he can do in making beauty spots by his work on the Santa Fe park during the past season.

It is not known yet who will succeed Mr. Minyard.

### LET THE LEDGER PUBLISH YOUR LETTERS

The Ledger would be pleased to publish letters of interest from soldiers. Those who have been sent to the training camps and to the front from here have many friends here who would be glad to hear from them through The Ledger. Of course matters of personal interest would be cut out, and only news of general interest to the boys' friends would be printed. We have our instruction from Uncle Sam as to what to print and what not to print. If you have a good letter from a soldier, why not give it to the public?

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### ANGELO ANTIS GET READY FOR FRACUS

San Angelo, Oct. 12.—The first definite steps of the anti-prohibition forces of Tom Green county in connection with the local option campaign now under way, were taken Wednesday night when at a meeting a chairman and secretary of the campaign committee consisting of fourteen members was named. R. A. Hall, vice-president of the San Angelo National Bank, was elected chairman of the campaign committee and J. J. Neill was elected secretary.

The following executive committee was named and all of the members have signified their willingness to serve: J. Willis Johnson, president of the Western National Bank; W. G. Bollinger, plumber; Dr. Boyd Cornick, physician; M. L. Mertz, president of the San Angelo National Bank; B. B. Hall, President of the West Texas Lumber Company; George Richardson, wool commission merchant; H. D. Beffel, jeweler; R. H. Harris, ranchman; M. C. Ragsdale, capitalist; John Findlater, Jr., president Findlater Hardware Company; Joseph Raphael, merchant; and Harve H. Allen, passenger conductor on the Orient railway.

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Editor

TEXAS CAN WHIP KAISER.

Jack Parramore and wife returned this week from an automobile trip to Fort Worth, Waco and San Antonio. They visited the training camps at these points. Mr. Parramore is of the opinion that there is already enough men in these camps to whip the Kaiser. We hope he is right and we really believe he is.—Aspermont Star.

VISIONARY BANKRUPTS.

In keeping with the half page announcement which the Banner carried for four weeks preceding last Saturday, we have advanced the subscription rates of the paper to the following prices: One year, \$1.50; six months, 90c; three months, 50c. This change became effective Sept. 15. We ask all who remit by mail to subscribe through those who act as agents to bear in mind the advanced prices.—Troup Banner.

Any publisher who imagines he can run a newspaper at a loss, besides wearing out the costly printing materials in the process, and make the difference in the gratitude of his fellow-citizens, is merely seeing things that do not exist. He is building castles out of clouds, and some time his creditors will come and gently ooze him into the boundless spaces of desuetude, where the whangdoodle wears a night nightcap and the daw swings by its tail from the swusswus tree like a pendulum with whiskers on it.—State Press, in Dallas News.

Economy is the War Cry.

Our President tells us that we can do our "bit" in winning the war by practicing the most rigid economy. Dig up those old high top shoes and take them to Wendorf for repairs and help early our Great President's policy. We challenge comparison in the class of work we turn out.

TRUTH AND DROUTH

Editor Holford of the Taylor County Times, Abilene, wrote a piece for his paper in which he mentioned the long procession of movers coming out of the west, driven by drouth. Some of his contemporaries further on accused him of saying things damaging to portions of the country not drouth-stricken, he replies:

The Times editor has been in a newspaper office since he was big enough to hold a stick, and this is the first time he has ever had one

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of the fraternity intimate that telling the truth was unethical. We stated the absolute facts as they existed, and what harm can it do? The same people are going right on through to north and east Texas, and any editor who has the energy to look out of his front door can see them. West Texas has been hard hit, but she has not been licked; and if our critics had wanted to be fair they would have picked out other items showing the spirit of our people and their determination to make the best of conditions until they improved. The Times is as loyal as any West Texas paper dare be, and will do its country as much good as any of them without practicing hypocrisy of distorting the truth. We have commented on the good crop conditions in those parts of the plains having them, and we rejoice with those communities so blessed. All West Texas will come back just as East and North Texas have recovered from excessive rains. Let's be fair as we tread this rough old terrestrial ball.—State Press in Dallas News.

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INTOXICATED CHICKENS A MENACE TO SOCIETY.

Ralph Stafford decided a short time ago that he would make some brandy, so he sugared some peaches and put them away to ferment. A few days ago, deciding they had fermented enough, he drew off the liquid and dumped the peaches into a vessel in the yard for the chickens, and they "went for it."

A short time later, he tells us, those were the drunkest chickens one ever saw. Some could walk by following a zig-zag course, others would fall whenever they tried to walk, while some were so drunk they couldn't get up. He says some of them were too drunk to get on the roosts that night, but that the next morning they had sobered up and appeared none the worse for their spree.—Detroit (Texas) Herald.  
It would be well for Mr. Stafford to keep those drunken chickens in a burglar proof vault for two or three reasons. One of these is the that drunken chickens are a menace to the peace and dignity of the community. Another very forceful reason is that there are lots of people in the dry belt who would give their last dime for a feast of drunk chicken. Chicken that would satisfy the appetite for grub and the craving for a long toddy at the same time is too valuable a fowl to leave to the mercies of the hungry and thirsty.—Honey Grove Signal.



"LET THE OTHER FELLOW DO IT."

This is the thing that has caused so many failures, so much misery, so many deaths—"letting the other fellow do it." From the fall of great nations down to the smallest personal accident it is this policy that has been responsible for so many of the troubles of the world. Time after time "the other fellow" does not do it. The Liberty Loan is a case in point. It is absolutely useless to rely upon the other fellow, because the amount to be raised is so enormous that it will take the combined self-denial and effort of every man, woman, and child in this country, to provide the money.

This leads naturally to another thought. It is not enough that we merely subscribe. We must see that our neighbor subscribes, because if he falls down, we ourselves shall suffer, even although we may have done our share.

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rich man find the money." When the government has had its needs supplied, the rich man will not be so rich; his taxes will be enormous, and many a wealthy company struggling with the high cost of everything they use in their business, in addition to their taxation, will have a difficulty in securing profits for their shareholders. The profits of those making war supplies will be put in half, at least, by government action. Again we must remember that our wealthy men invested millions and millions of dollars in the loan last time and will do it again. The average citizen must realize that the wealthy man is doing his share, and that it is to the farmer, the merchant and the working man that the country look for a large share of the subscriptions to the present loan.

"If you say 'let the other fellow do it,' the loan will fail, we shall be disgraced in the eyes of the world, the resistance to Germany of our allies may break down, and the most terrible thing in the world will happen to us—conquest by Germany. This would mean taxation beyond human endurance, national disgrace and having to work for German masters for years to come. The Germans are not willing 'to let the other fellow do it.' Their boys of 14 and their old men of 30 are serving in the army, their women and their children are going short of food; they are giving up almost every cent they possess in order to beat this country. Surely we have more patriotism than the Germans, more sense—if not, then we deserve to be beaten. Call in and see your banker and ask him whether this article contains the truth. He will tell you that it does, and will agree that it is a fatal thing in this great national crisis to 'let the other fellow do it.'"

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Judge Woodward returned to his home at Coleman Friday afternoon for a couple of days rest, as the first week's docket of the present term of district court had been disposed of. Judge Woodward will return Monday and open court at 8:30. The grand jury will continue

grinding on full time. Judging from the many witnesses brought here from the Mazeland country the grand jury is devoting considerable time to the Elms case. Mr. Elms and quite a number of friends have been here throughout the week.

I. O. Wooden is still in the hide and junk business. 26-d&w4t

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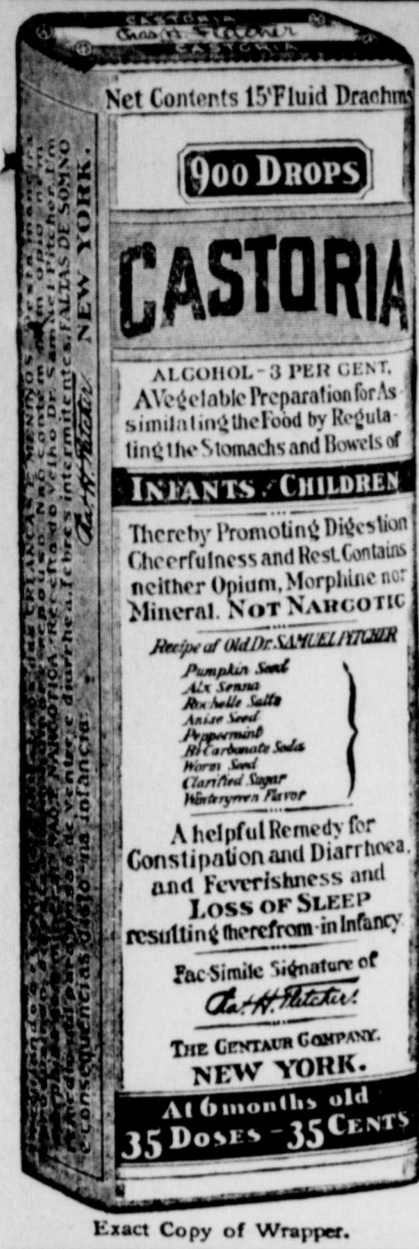
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The regular subscription to the weekly Ledger is 40 cents for three months, but just to help the cause along and make it possible for as many of the boys to get the news from home as possible, we have put on a special rate of 20 cents for a three months subscription. Now, you can take your choice, send the smokes to the boys in France and send the news to the boys in the training camps, or do both, but be sure you do "your two-bit."

Mr. Shepperd orders The Ledger to go to Carl Jeanes, J. C. Latham, Sid Hale and Sam Behringer. There are about one hundred and seventy-five others who would be glad to hear from home. If you have no special one you wish to send the paper to, just send in the 25 cents and we will furnish the name. We have the list.

## "THE MYSTERIOUS MR. TELLER" AT QUEEN



The United States Customs officials believed that Annon Mordant had smuggled the Goleonda necklaces into this country after he had stolen them in Paris. To fix this belief in certainty the best efforts of the Secret Service was being directed to locating Mordant and "getting the goods on him." Crafty and inventive, the most notorious criminal in Europe, Mordant had come to the United States to brazenly defy detection.

Whether or not Prentice Tiller knew of the esfaets remains to be seen, but coincidence played a remarkable part in the final apprehension of Mordant when Tiller meandered down Lester street at midnight. When an explosion literally blew Clara Hawthorne through the door and down the steps of No. 218 there began a series of mystifying incidents that baffled explanation and kept life for "The Mysterious Mr. Tiller" pulsating with excitement for many days thereafter.

Miss Hawthorne gave an explanation that did not "explain" when Tiller tried to get from her the story of her unusual adventure. Despite her evident refinement Tiller, in shadowing her, found her companions to be the worst class of crooks. Most astonishing too, were her social connections—for Miss Hawthorne was a society belle, much sought, beautiful and accomplished. And when the police, acting on secret advice, pounced upon the guests at Miss Hawthorne's reception and made arrests that led to the unmasking of the Goleonda diamond thieves, Mr. Tiller believed that he had reached the limit of amazing denouements.

But there is more to tell of this astonishing girl—this companion of crooks and society belle. Bluebird photoplays have reflected the mystery in fascinating photoplays titled "The Mysterious Mr. Tiller," and Robert Julian and Ruth Clifford will present it at the Queen Theatre tonight.

## Men Don't Read this Kind of News

By MARGARET MASON  
Written for United Press.

I pray you do not have a fit. Dame Fashion will not stand for it.

For anything that fits, my dear, Will simply not be done this year.

New York, Oct. 12.—The bi-annual Fashion shows are now upon us and languid, languishing models are undulating a million dollars worth of furs and metallic embroidery and brocades all over the smartest shops.

All the worth-while gowns are there, they Doucet everyone will wear. Our old friend Pioret has a pair, of stunning ones with Chinese air, and Lanvin, Callot, Dremet too and Paquin also show a few.

Since the Chinese tendency is so pronounced in most of the imported models the settings for the display of the gowns is all Chinked and lacquered and gilded and Chinese. Goded and rugged up. The models glide around among the carved ivory and teakwood and Chinese porcelain as much at home as if they had never had been outside the great wall of China in their lives.

Of course a few of the models are allowed to sit on the Russian steppes and look like Olga of the Volga in fur trimmed peasant blouses smothered in fur and hectic worsted embroidery, but in fact the similarity between the lines of the loose Russian blouse and the loose Chinese coat, the brilliant embroideries and those of Russia, and the lavish use of the fur on both make it rather puzzling unless you are a connoisseur on Chinese and Russian art or at least of Russian and Chinese tea to tell one from the other.

After taking an oblique look and getting a Chinese slant on those different showings of imported models so rich in materials, reputation and price, my advice to the woman who cherishes the wild ambition of loading the mode back home is to wait until she gets there. The let her hire the village seamstress and have that personage fit all her gowns on some one with a figure the exact antithesis of her own. When she dons them everybody will be willing to swear she is wearing a Premet or Doucet model of the latest.

For the main characteristic of all the new models is their non-fitting properties and the impression that they are built to go on a totally different figure from the one they adorn. Neckes are hacked out straight across from shoulder to shoulder, or in loose ovals that pull tighter and yon, sleeves are loose and flowing and wide, and the waists, if one may call them such, are guaranteed not to touch the human form at any given point or curve from shoulder to hip. Some of the skirts are caught up at unexpected and awkward angles and indicate that if they hang evenly for any space around the hem they are miserable failure indeed.

On the evening models, where draperies are the piece de resistance as 'twere the way the gorgeous lengths of metallic and velvet or silken brocades are draped on the foundation of lace or gold and silver gauze, would cause the window dresser of the White Front dry goods emporium back home to hide his head in shame.

They give the non-eclet the disturbing impression that the designer had stood on the near side of the atolior and thrown the drape across the room to the lace swathed form on the other side, and then hid himself frantically it happened to light.

The whole idea of the season sartorially seems to be a striving after the sketchy impressionistic effect, or as photographers say, one of those artistic blurred portraits that make every one mystifying beautiful because they are so mild of detail—we must have a fuzzy outline.

No doubt the super-abundance of worsted embroidery that is used lavishly on every material to hand, even on lustrous chiffon velour will aid in the fizziness.

If you can just manage to be fuzzy, ill-fitted and glittery with silver threads among the gold, or a bushel of beads all at the same time, your sartorial success for 1917-18 is secured.

## NO MORE WOODEN CULVERTS

R. P. Kirk, commissioner from precinct one informed the Messenger a few days ago that he was putting in no more wooden culverts but using full width concrete. This is good as it not only gives permanency but adds safety. While Mr. Kirk has been in office less than twelve months the roads in his precinct already show him to be a first class road man and he assured the people that he has just begun. We are all hoping he will be able to finish the good work he has so well begun.—Miles Messenger.



E. T. Brenham of Hatchell was

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in Ballinger Friday attending to business.

Mrs. J. J. Huffman and Henry Huffman of Wingate went to Santa Anna Friday.

J. R. Taylor and family of Brownwood were in Ballinger between trains Friday.

Mrs. Lynn Seiggins of Wingate passed through Ballinger Friday going to San Antonio.

## BEDICHECK HERE TO MOVE FAMILY

Rev. E. A. Bedicheck is here for the purpose of moving his family to Abilene, where he will put his son in the Christian college at this place. Mr. Bedicheck is devoting all his time to selling oil stock on a lease he has secured in the Petrolia field and is very enthusiastic over the outlook for a paying well on the lease.

## DAY COLUMBUS ARRIVED

The local banks turned backward 425 years today and honored the memory of Columbus by remaining closed throughout the day. Few people would have known that on this day 425 years ago

Columbus landed with his crew of explorers and set up business on what has become the greatest land of all lands. Today America is trying to do for Europe what Columbus did for America.

## FIFTH GAME TO BE PLAYED AT CHICAGO.

The New York Giants and Chicago White Sox are returning to Chicago today for the fifth game of the world's series which will be played Saturday. The two teams have two games each to their credit. The best four out of seven decides the world's championship. The Ledger will give the result of the game again tomorrow and each day until the series have been played.



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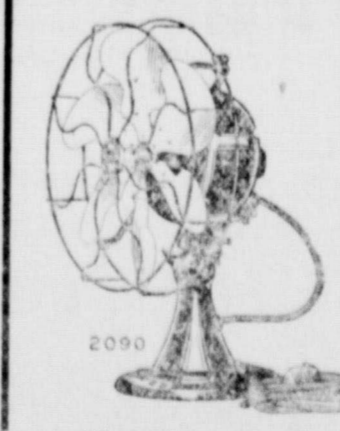
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**BOX FROM HOME BRINGS CHEER TO SOLDIERS**

(By Walter W. Murphy in Brown-wood Bulletin.)

Camp Travis, Texas, Oct. 11.—Life in the camp is no wringing no regular schedule, after a three days vacation while we were taking our second inoculation for typhoid fever. This "shot" made all the boys rather sick for a few days, and affected me like a base attack of the grippe. We are all glad to get back to regular work again, because when we have nothing to do we have too much time to think of home and those we love.

A crowd of us were talking this afternoon, and some one remarked that we are lucky to be in the national army, for a number of reasons. Our associates are all good fellows, and good morals. It is almost like being away from home at school, although I venture the guess that many of us will learn more here in a few months than we would if we were in a school instead of the army.

The control of the body is the first thing we have to learn here. I found that I knew nothing about the important features of military life. The eating, drinking, exercising, and sleeping habits are all new to me. It is almost like being away from home at school, although I venture the guess that many of us will learn more here in a few months than we would if we were in a school instead of the army.

Most of the different batteries here have received a few horses to be cared for. Our drill period has been reduced to one hour in the afternoon, so that we will have more time to study. At 1:30 p. m. we have a heading and instruction period. From 2 to 2:30 p. m. we have foot drill practice. Then we march to the stables for instruction in the care of the horses, saddles, blankets and harness. The blankets must be folded in a certain way, the horses must be groomed in a prescribed manner and fed and watered carefully. After the stables have been cleaned and the horses have had their supper and third daily grooming, beds are made for them out of clean straw or hay. It is amusing to watch some of the fellows who know nothing about horses approach and at-

tempt to groom them. The army has a name all its own for almost everything and a manner to do all things that must be strictly followed.

From 4 to 4:30 p. m. we have a consultation period, during which we ask the lieutenant in charge any questions about the army and our work. He in turn answers to the best of his knowledge. As a rule it is wonderful how much these young lieutenants are able to tell us, considering the time they have been in the service. It is the opinion of some people that more officers are killed in battle by their own men than by the enemy; but if all officers was as good fellows as the eight assigned to our battery I don't believe any would be killed by their men. Every man likes every one of our officers.

I suppose some of the regular army cavalry and infantry boys will be transferred soon to our barracks. New recruits began arriving yesterday evening. Another man and myself were up all night acting as orderlies and helping to place the men. The cold weather came at the wrong time for them, for a number wore their summer clothing and a few were without coats.

Dinner today was splendid. It included good steak and cream gravy, Irish potatoes, cabbage, corn, apple pie with sauce and clear water. It was a treat for us.

**Mrs. Smith Recommends Chamberlain's Tablets.**

"I have had more or less stomach trouble for eight or ten years," writes Mrs. G. H. Smith, Brewerton, N. Y. "When suffering from attacks of indigestion and heaviness after eating, one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets have always relieved me. I have also found them a pleasant laxative." These tablets tone up the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. If you are troubled with indigestion give them a trial, get well and stay well.

Miss Irene Henderson of Coleman returned home Friday, after a visit to Joe Hardin and family here.

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**"HAVE YOU GOT ANYTHING TO SMOKE?"**

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You can without much strain of your imagination, realize just such a situation. Suddenly around the corner come two young fellows in the trim, business-like khaki uniform of the army of your country.

What would you do? You'd rush up to them and grab their hands; you'd laugh with joy you'd tell them who you are, and where you came from; you'd try to discover some acquaintances; or common experiences. And after a few minutes suppose one of them said, "Have you got anything to smoke?" What would you do?

You'd go to the limit. If you had cigars, you'd hand them over; or cigarettes, you'd say—"You bet I have; good old United States smokes; the kind you can't get in France. You fellows are welcome to what I have; and if you'll come to my hotel, I'll give you more."

Under ordinary circumstances you couldn't do it; the French customs office wouldn't let you bring in a lot of American smokes. But you'd do just that without going to France. You can send one or fifty of our special smoke kits to our soldiers in France at 25 cents each. The French Government attracts these kits duty-free. A post card in each kit stamped with your address on it ready to mail, will come back to the sender of the kit.

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**THE BELLS OF HELL**  
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For you, and not for me;  
For me the angels sing-a-ling-a-ling,  
They wait in heaven for me,  
O, death, where is thy sting-a-ling-a-ling,  
O, grave, thy victory,  
The bells of hell go ting-a-ling-a-ling  
For you, and not for me."

The above rhyme is a bit of soldier-theology as sung by the men as they went into battle. It was recited by Rev. Bruce Taylor of Montreal at a mass meeting held in Bloor Street Presbyterian church last night. The lines were cited as an illustration of the "propane but superb" faith of the soldiers who laugh in the face of death. Dr. Taylor was Chaplain of the 42nd Battalion and served for nearly a year at the front. —Exchange.

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With Paris boulevards echoing with "vives" for American troops our interest in the welfare of our ally vastly increases, and the facts are not lacking to encourage the belief that she is already on the road to recovery from the blow of invasion by a ruthless enemy.

One of the most important developments is the announcement that one of the largest banking institutions in America concerned with foreign trade, the Guaranty Trust company of New York, has opened a Paris branch to handle the rapidly increasing volume of French business.

This action may surprise many persons who had thought of France as bowed under a calamitous invasion. The bank, however, gives figures indicating that France is not only meeting her military and civilian problems with a stout heart and never failing courage, but is re-establishing her export business with this country.

In 1914, the year of the outbreak of the war, imports from France to this country totaled \$141,446,252. This total was reduced to \$77,158,740 in 1915, but last year the value of French imports to the United States rose to \$102,077,000.

"A nation that can achieve such a commercial recovery while her territory is being ravished by the invader," says the Trust company's statement, "possesses recuperative powers which justify the belief that she will emerge from the present conflict prepared to meet and solve triumphantly the problems which confront her."

The commercial and industrial record of France, following past wars, indicates that she should recover quickly from the actual physical destruction inflicted in the present conflict. The reconstruction of railroads, the erection of factories to replace those destroyed, and the replacement of the mechanism of industrial activity that will be required and that is in part already planned, offer a peculiarly inviting field to American capital and enterprise. Tentative steps have already been taken by representatives of American engineers and business men in this work.

Aside from its attractive business aspect, the enlistment of American money and effort in the great task of reconstruction that will remain at the end of the war will tend to cement still more closely the ties that bind the two great republics together, and will enable Americans to discharge in part the debt they owe to France for her friendly interest in the welfare and progress of the United States from the beginning of its life as a nation.

In judging the industrial status of any nation, its production and consumption of coal, iron, and steel and the growth of its transportation systems are highly significant factors.

In 1899, French industries consumed 21 million tons of coal, of which 13.5 millions were taken from home mines. In 1912, the consumption was 61 millions, of which 41 million tons were taken from home mines.

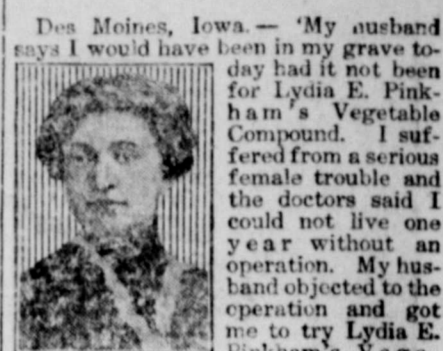
In 1899, the French output of cast iron was 1,380,000 tons, and of steel, 1,060,000 tons. In 1914, France produced 5,311,000 tons of cast iron and 4,635,000 tons of steel.



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**GOOD CHEER BAGS FOR MARINES.**

Washington, Oct. 12.—"Good cheer bags" are to be supplied all the United States Marines serving abroad. Mrs. George Barnett, wife of the Major-General commandant of the Marine Corps has started a fund to supply the sea-soldiers with the comforts needed overseas.

An organization called "The Marine Corps Knitting League," with headquarters at Merion, Pa., has already supplied the Marines with extra woolen garments. Friends of the sea-fighters are doing their bit by helping to make both movements a success.

A dozen ladies met at the Ellison Hall Wednesday evening to sew for the soldier boys. The secretary reported that the shirt sent to Ballinger for inspection had been returned and no fault at all found with it. They have a sample of socks and material for knitting and material for sewing. The membership of the local has reached 108.—Miles Messenger.

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