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BRITISH MAKE GAIN WITH DECREASED COST IN MEN

LONDON, Oct. 31.—The British war summary for the month just closing shows that the British gains in Flanders during October were attained at a less cost of men than during all fighting in September. The British are jubilant over the decrease in the casualty list and the increase in gain. The fighting will be resumed with renewed energy and an aggressive winter campaign carried on.

NOVEMBER 5 TO 10 IS CLEAN UP WEEK

Clean-Up Week is almost here. The Civic League has set aside the week ending November 10th as clean-up week and beginning next Monday all citizens are urged to get busy and see that their premises, streets and alleys are put in first-class shape.

Heretofore it has been the custom to launch the fall clean-up campaign immediately following the first frost, or as soon as vegetation has been killed and before it begins to decay. The freeze Monday night was a good one. Flowers, weeds, fall gardens, etc., were put out of business and the time has arrived when the people must be on the alert and join in the clean-up work if the city is kept in a sanitary condition.

Mrs. Scott H. Maek, president of the Civic League, states that it will be necessary for everyone to look after the moving of all trash as the city will furnish no wagons to haul same off at this time. All waste material that will burn should be burned or hauled off with the tin cans, etc. Junk dealers are offering 15 cents per hundred pounds for tin cans, buckets, etc., and here is a chance for a little extra money for the man who will get busy in the alleys with his wagon.

The city can be made clean as a pin in one week if every one will do their duty and co-operate with their neighbor.

Mrs. P. Raska and children left Tuesday afternoon for Yoakum, where they will make their home for the future.

11th DISTRICT SUBSCRIBES \$75,000,000

The Ledger, Ballinger, Texas.

It would appear that the Liberty Loan is safe. By working day and night we have managed to tabulate about sixty nine million dollars worth of subscriptions up to the time of dispatch of this telegram. Final figures which are confidently believed will total over our seventy-five million dollar minimum allotment will be available on Thursday night next when we will at once advise the press. Needless to say, we shall express to the members of the press and to our organizers and workers individually the deep gratitude of the government and the officers of the Federal Reserve bank of Dallas for the magnificent work which has been accomplished. The press of this country have raised to themselves a monument of patriotism which will stand for all times. The Liberty Loan workers have shown that an intelligent, practical patriotism exists from the Red River to the Rio Grande in the Sierras of New Mexico, in the mines of Arizona and in the farmlands and markets of Louisiana and Oklahoma. Press, organizers, and public have shown their worthiness to share in the forthcoming triumph of world wide Democracy.

J. W. HOOPES, Deputy Gov. Fed. Res. Bank.

F. J. Evridge and wife of Concho left Wednesday for Comanche, where they will visit a while.

Mrs. V. Weinberg left Wednesday morning for Glenoave on a visit.

Most heaters waste half your fuel. Cole's Hot Blast Heaters save and use that wasted portion.

Mrs. M. A. Hunt of Paint Rock was in Ballinger Wednesday.

Five Million Dollar Fire Caused By German Agents

Appeal from Charity Board Gets Response

"Ding-a-ling, ling, ling."
"Hello, is this the Ledger?"
"Yes."
"I notice the charity board is broke, and is calling for funds. Put me down for ten dollars."

"Thanks, we'll open a subscription list through our paper, and in this way solicit volunteer subscriptions while the committee is arranging to put a solicitor in the field."

The above conversation took place over the telephone Wednesday morning early with R. T. Williams at the other end of the line. The charity board is in a pickle of a fix, and are forced to turn a deaf ear to calls for help until the citizens of this city furnish the wherewith to relieve the suffering.

The charity committee has no pleasant job. How would you like to be appealed to several times each day by some hungry soul, and

not be able to make glad the heart who has been forced to depend upon the public for their mere existence?

You've got the money, then why not help a little in this work? There should be at least thirty men in this city ready and willing to subscribe ten dollars each.

Yes, it is true that the charity board is imposed on some times, but it is better to help a dozen undeserving than it is to allow one worthy object of charity to suffer. The board uses every precaution and investigates thoroughly before giving aid, and only helps where they think help is needed.

Here's the list of volunteers, phone your subscription to The Ledger, or to C. R. Crews or Rev. J. W. Host:

R. T. Williams	\$10.00
C. J. Lynn	7.50
E. P. Talbot	5.00
Scott H. Maek	2.50

TO ENFORCE VITAL STATISTIC LAW

District Attorney Walter U. Early has received from Dr. W. A. Davis, state registrar of vital statistics, a communication calling attention to the regular session of the legislature of this year, which prescribes that physicians shall file a complete birth certificate for each birth, and asking the co-operation of the officials of this county in enforcing the provisions of this law.

The law not only requires that physicians shall file proper birth certificates, but that undertakers shall also file complete records of all deaths. The law was amended as to birth certificates because so many physicians throughout the state have been negligent in filing reports of births, and the State Board of Health is now attempting to secure the enforcement of the law by calling attention of county and district officials to the provisions of the statute, and by personal letters to the physicians compliance with the law.

Dr. Davis requests that the Brown county grand jury at its next session investigate the violations of the law, which is found in Chapter 129, general laws, regular session of the 35th Legislature, 1917. "You realize the importance of such salutary laws," says Dr. Davis, "and the saving to state if every person's age were a matter of record. This has been very painfully shown in the time consumed and money expended in the recent registration of men for military service."—Brownwood Bulletin.

WILL MAKE \$30 PER DAY PICKING COTTON

"I am taking my family to Oklahoma where we will make \$30 per day picking cotton," said S. C. Hughes, of Concho, as he came in The Ledger office Tuesday to have his address on our mailing list changed from Concho to Panoli, Okla., "and we want to keep up with this country and find out when it rains here."

Mr. Hughes came to this county several years ago, and has been making a good citizen and we regret to see him leave. For the past two or three years he has been living in the Concho and Pony creek neighborhood. Two or three weeks ago he and his sixteen year-old son went to Oklahoma to pick cotton. They made a good clean up, receiving \$1.75 per hundred and boarding themselves, they made \$160.90 in nineteen days, or a little better than \$8 per day.

Things looked good Mr. Hughes said, and he decided to rent a place and try that country for a year. As soon as he rented a farm for another year he returns to Ballinger and gets his family and they left on the Santa Fe Tuesday afternoon for their new home.

IT PAYS TO BE U. S. SOLDIER

Washington, D. C., Oct. 30.—According to statistics in a war bulletin, issued recently by the National Geographic Society from its headquarters here, a first-class private in the United States Marine Corps serving abroad, draws \$41 a year more than a Russian colonel; \$64 a year more than a German lieutenant for the first three years; \$31 a year more than a first lieutenant of the Austrian army, and \$19 a year more than a junior lieutenant in the service of Italy.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 31.—Fire broke out in the Baltimore & Ohio piers early this morning and property damaged to the amount of more than five million dollars resulted. Twelve men are missing, three are known dead and quite a number injured. The fire is believed to have been caused by a bomb.

John Whitterman is alleged to have been seen running away from the piers when the blaze was first discovered, and he was immediately placed under arrest. Other arrests are expected shortly.

Elevators filled with grain, and supposed to be consigned to the allies, were bably saved from the flames after the most heroic work of the fighters.

General Warning Sent Out

Washington, Oct. 31.—Following the big incendiary fire at the grain docks in Baltimore this morning, a general warning has been sent out doubling the precautions at every munition and grain dock in the country.

ALLOUANCE MADE FOR DEPENDENTS

The local exemption board has received the following bulletin from Provost Marshal Crowder. The bulletin deals with compensation, or allowances made by the government for dependents of soldiers who have either volunteered or been drafted, and comes as a result of the effort on the part of many dependents to have cases reopened and who are seeking to get the soldiers upon whom they claim to be depending for living, released from service. The bulletin is as follows:

"No. 9353, 1. In connection with decision on claims for discharge on the ground of dependency and for consideration in determining appropriate action relative to reopening dependency cases under the provisions of Compiled Rulings No. 12, subsection (m), your attention is invited to the following important extracts from the Act of Congress approved October 6, 1917, providing family allowance, allotments, compensation and insurance for the military and naval forces of the United States: Section 201 provides for allotments of pay of every enlisted man, compulsory as wife (divorced wife in certain cases), compulsory as to child, voluntary as to other persons. Monthly compulsory allotment shall be an amount equal to family allowance hereafter specified but not more than one-half pay, nor less than \$15.00. The enlisted man may allot any portion or amount of his pay in addition to the compulsory allotment for such purposes and persons as he may direct, subject to regulations. The Secretary of War may require that any portion of one-half pay which is not allotted shall be deposited in the military pay deposit fund for the benefit of the man. Compulsory allotment may be waived on written consent of wife supported by evi-

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NATIONAL CAPITAL GOES DRY TODAY

(By United Press) Washington, Oct. 31.—The first national capitol in history goes "dry" at midnight tonight.

Under an act approved during the last session of Congress, all saloons, wholesale liquor houses, restaurants and clubs must discontinue the sale of intoxicants before 12:01 a. m., November 1. Between three and four hundred establishments are affected.

Liquor can be imported into the District however, without going to the trouble to fill out an application blank or permit. Congressmen from dry states who like a little "snifter" occasionally, saw to that when the law was passed.

Police regulations are strict as to "clubs" and other methods commonly used in dry territories to evade the law. But in a private residence—or a Congressman's office for that matter—all the liquor a man can use may be kept.

With the nation's capitol under control, dry are planning to press their campaign for countrywide prohibition with renewed vigor at the coming session of Congress. They barely missed success last session.

BAPTIST WORKERS HERE NOVEMBER 6

The Baptist workers meeting, an organization of Rannels County Baptist Association that meets in Ballinger monthly, will convene at the Ninth Street Baptist church, Tuesday, November 6th, at 10 a. m. The session to last throughout the day. The last meeting was held with the First Baptist church and the meetings will alternate between the two churches.

The County Executive Board is called to meet in connection with the workers' meeting this time and full attendance is expected. Matters pertaining to the plans and work of the Association are to be discussed, and it is likely that arrangements will be made at this time for a County-wide Sunday School campaign to occupy some three months. Everybody is invited to attend the session and the members of the County Executive Board are especially urged to be on hand.

REV. R. B. MORGAN

LONGVIEW.—The Texas Division, United States Daughters of Confederacy in session here last week passed resolutions backing President Wilson.

Auto Ride and Oyster Supper For Teachers

WANTED—Your auto and a driver, at the school building, at four-thirty Thursday afternoon. 125 school teachers will be ready promptly at this hour to go auto riding. Your help will be needed. O. L. PARISH.

This has been a busy week for the 125 school teachers who are here doing institute work. The teachers have been putting in full time in better equipping themselves for their work in the school rooms of the county, and they have not wanted for amusement between sessions of the institute.

On Monday night most of the teachers attending the food conservation meeting at the Methodist church. On Tuesday night many of them attended the movies and witnessed a splendid war picture. Wednesday night the teachers were invited to the First Baptist church where Rev. Morgan deliv-

ered a lecture for their benefit. Thursday afternoon at five-thirty the teachers will be the guests of the business men at an oyster supper, following an auto ride. The teachers will be entertained with the oyster fry at the Afflerbach cafe and the Stroble cafe, the crowd being divided, half going to each cafe.

County Judge Parish request all those owning cars to bring them to the Central School building promptly at four-thirty Thursday afternoon, and assist in giving the teachers an hour's ride.

The Rannels county institute was called to order at nine o'clock Wednesday morning by Supt. Fleming, and a county executive committee elected. Mr. Fleming was made general director, R. E. White of the Humphrey school was made director of debate, E. L. Hagan will have charge of the spelling

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Editor

The man who thinks the war will soon be over, and he will not have to do his bit, has another think coming.

Even the people of Brownwood were interested in Tom Green's pro fight, and Brownwood is on direct line to Fort Worth.

This will be a better nation after the war. Americans will learn how to economize, sacrifice and selfishness will be Germanized.

We suggest that those who have trees around their premises should see that they are irrigated occasionally through the winter, as the winter drouth is death to them.

The spooks will be on the job tonight. Keep a sharp look-out or the goblins will get you. It is a night when gates and loose things walk off. Watch 'em.

THE SPY SCARE

The people in some sections of the state are experiencing a fright caused by the report that samples of breakfast food containing ground glass had been distributed to homes. It is possible the ground glass was found in packages of breakfast food, but we do not believe that it was the work of spies. There are many ways in which glass could have gotten in the food but it would mean instant death to any manufacturer of breakfast food who sent out samples containing poison. However, it is well enough that people be careful and use precaution. While the country is no doubt infested with spies, the spy question should not be magnified and undue alarm caused.

In dealing with the propaganda carried on in some sections of the country to poison the people, the Brownwood Bulletin hits the nail a good drive, when it says:

"As a general proposition it is a good idea to beware of samples of foodstuffs, medicines or anything else which are thrown in the front or back yard. Such samples are not first-class, to say the least, because they are exposed to dirt and filth which should not come in contact with food under any circumstances. No grocer could retain his trade if he threw the goods his customer ordered in to the front yard instead of plac-

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ing them in the kitchen. Furthermore, here is another very good rule to follow: Goods which must be given away in order to induce people to use them are rarely worth more than their cost.

Recently the whole country was very much excited by reports that German agents had been peddling poisoned court plasters in an effort to scatter deadly disease germs throughout the United States. After an exhaustive investigation had been made, it was found that the disease germs on the plasters were ordinary American germs, and that they had gotten on the plasters in an ordinary every-day way. Hence the warning was issued against using court plasters over wounded flesh surfaces.

"Beware of food samples. Buy advertised goods, which are so good that they are demanded by the purchasing public and do not have to be advertised by free samples. But don't lie awake at night dreading German spies. There are many of them in this country, perhaps, but they are not responsible for half the crimes with which they are charged."

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.

WAR TALKS

By UNCLE DAN

Number Three

How War Methods Have Changed Everybody Must Help.

"Hello, Uncle Dan, Jimmie and I have been waiting for you."

"Sorry if I have kept you long," said Uncle Dan. "Your mother has been telling me how bashful I used to be. She said if a girl spoke to me I would blush to my hair roots. Well, I reminded her of the time your father first came to see her and the joke we played on them, so I guess that will hold her for a while."

Continuing, Uncle Dan said: "You want to talk more about the war, do you? Well, war methods have undergone many changes and they are still changing. No two wars are fought alike. In early times, the weapons were stones, clubs, spears, bows and arrows, swords, etc. In this kind of warfare, victory went with the strong right arm. Men of enormous size and strength were the great warriors. The invention of gunpowder, however, has changed all this. It has enabled men to kill one another at a considerable distance, and do it wholesale. The war, as we know it now, is a combination of chemicals, machinery, mathematical calculations and highly trained men. Just think of it! Airplanes, submarines, armored tanks, or caterpillars, poison gases, and curtains of fire are all used for the first time in this war; and they are destructive beyond anything heretofore known.

"The methods followed by the Kaiser and his allies are simply devilish. He must answer in history to the killing of thousands of innocent women and children. He has broken every international law and every rule of warfare; he has bombarded hospitals and undefended cities, sunk Red Cross ships on errands of mercy; he has destroyed cathedrals and priceless treasures of art that can never be replaced; he has made slaves of his prisoners; he has tried to get us into war with Japan; his emissaries have blown up our ships, burned our factories and fired our forests. He knows no mercy or honor. The most charitable view to take of this blood-thirsty tyrant is that he is crazy.

"One thing is certain," continued Uncle Dan, with great emphasis, "our liberty, the safety of our homes and our country, and the security of the world demand the speedy and absolute overthrow of the Kaiser and crushing out once and forever the reign of Prussian brutality."

"How about the German people," said Billie.

Uncle Dan replied: "The splendid German people were happy, thrifty, prosperous and contented. They have been tricked into war and made to suffer the tortures of the damned; they have been cruelly and systematically deceived. God grant that the real facts may get to them, and if they do, Lord help the Kaiser!"

"Of course the allies will win," said Mrs. Graham.

"Probably so," said Uncle Dan. "But if we are to win, we must go the limit. We must check the awful destruction to shipping by the German submarines, or we may not be able to get food and supplies to our own men and to our allies; we must also put hundreds of thousands, and perhaps millions, of first-class soldiers in the battle line.

"Food is the first consideration," Uncle Dan continued. "No army can hold out against hunger. It has been said that food will win the war, and this is largely true. Hence the importance of the farm in the war plans of our country."

Mrs. Graham interrupted by saying: "In view of the importance of farming, don't you think, Daniel, that the farmers ought to be exempted from war service?"

"No, a thousand times no," said Uncle Dan, striking the table so hard to emphasize his protest that he tipped over a vase of flowers. "We must have no class legislation. The duty to serve is the common duty of all, and no class must be relieved of this obligation. The question of exemption must be a personal one and decided by the facts surrounding each case. In no other way can we have a square deal, and to insure this, it is the duty of congress to pass immediately the Chamberlain bill, or some such measure, which is fair to all classes. It would settle all these questions and do it fairly. Safety now and safety hereafter demands such legislation, and let me suggest that you and your friends get busy with your congressmen and senators and urge them to prompt action.

"It is time for us to realize that we are not living in a fool's paradise; that this great country of ours cost oceans of blood and treasure and it is only due to the loyalty, sacrifice and service of our forefathers that we have a country, and it is our highest duty to preserve it unimpaired and pass it on to posterity, no matter what the cost may be. Our citizenship and their ancestors came from all parts of the world to make this country a home and enjoy its blessings and opportunities; hence, in the crisis before us, it is the duty of everyone to stand squarely back of our country and be prepared to defend the flag. Everyone in this crisis is either pro-American or pro-German. Great as the country is, there is not room enough for two flags."

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1 1/2 cups boiling water
3/4 cup milk
1 tablespoon shortening
1 tablespoon molasses
1/2 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
4 teaspoons Dr. Price's Baking Powder
NO EGGS
Scald corn meal in bowl with boiling water; add milk, melted shortening and molasses; add flour, salt and baking powder which have been sifted together; mix well. Bake on hot greased griddle until brown. (The Old Method called for 2 eggs)

Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake

1 cup brown sugar
1 1/4 cups water
1 cup seeded raisins
2 ounces citron, cut fine
1/2 cup shortening
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup flour
1 cup rye flour
3/4 cup Dr. Price's Baking Powder
Roll sugar, water, fruit, shortening, salt and spices together in saucepan 3 minutes. When cool, add flour and baking powder which have been sifted together. Mix well; bake in loaf pan in moderate oven about 45 minutes. (The Old Method [Fruit Cake] called for 2 eggs)

Send for our new booklet "How to save eggs by using Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder." Mailed free on request. Address Dept. H., 1001 Independence Boulevard, Chicago.

PASTOR HOST TO CHURCH BOARD

Pleasure and business were combined at a six o'clock dinner given last Saturday evening at the Methodist parsonage with Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Curry as host and hostess. It was the holding of the Fourth Quarterly Conference, and all members of the Board of Stewards and Missionary Committee were invited to meet at the pastor's home on this occasion, and the presiding elder, Mr. Sam G. Thompson, was present.

Assisted by Mrs. W. A. Francis, Mrs. Elmer Simpson, Misses Whitaker and Durban, Mrs. Curry served a five-course dinner. After the social meeting, Dr. Thompson called his board together and the work for the conference year just closed was rounded up and the reports made out making the best showing for the local church in many years. These reports were read at the Sunday morning service at the church showing that the pastor would go to the conference with all his salary paid, and the conference collections report will be the best ever made from this church.

Rev. Curry is closing his first year's work here. He will leave for Georgetown about Nov. 12th, where he will attend the annual conference. It is expected that he will be returned to the church at Ballinger for another year; at least this is the unanimous wish of the active members of his church and the people in general.

Those present Saturday evening and who enjoyed the hospitality of Rev. and Mrs. Curry, were Dr. Sam G. Thompson, of Brownwood; W. A. Francis, chairman of the Board of Stewards; E. F. Krebs, secretary of the Board of Stewards; Elmer Simpson, C. P. Shepherd, W. A. Tally, F. E. Hartman, R. A. Williamson, R. W. Bruce, Stewards; L. S. Bird, B. B. Middleton, J. L. Davis, Missionary Committee, and Judge A. K. Doss, Superintendent Sunday School.

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W. S. Taylor of Austin was in this city Wednesday.



Auto Ride and Oyster Supper For Teachers

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contests, Miss Myrtle Curry, of Miles will have charge of the essay contests, and C. Garrett of Rowena was made director of athletics. They will have charge of all inter-scholastic contests in the county.

R. T. Williams and Rev. R. B. Morgan, representing the food conservation campaign, were the speakers for the morning. Rev. Morgan will speak to the teachers again this evening at the First Baptist church. Otherwise, the regular work was carried out by the teachers among themselves.

Supt. Fleming announces that he has secured Ed. T. Blodgett, of the United States Department of Agriculture of Stephenville, to speak to the teachers Friday morning.

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Letters from Our Soldier Boys

A Short One From France.

Lieut. Raymond Buck, formerly of Fort Worth, in the letter which follows tells of some of the submarine precautions:

"I can give no address or date now. We are at the beautiful port. We have had wonderful weather and everything has been pleasant. Meals have been as good as found in highest class hotels.

Every night at sundown lights are reduced to actual necessity, not even a lighted cigarette being allowed. Yesterday we had life boat practice. At two blasts we hurriedly donned life preservers and ran for the life boats to which we had been previously assigned. "The second day we saw twenty large whales. They played within a hundred yards of our boat, and spouted water quite high.

"When we reached this port after following a most unusual route we found several American transports and received much cheering from them. At one little house on the shore where we entered an old lady came out and ran up an American flag and with her family stood by waving their handkerchiefs until we were out of sight."

Father 80 Years Old Writes Letter to Son.

F. W. Tuckey is in receipt of a letter from his father, who is 80 years old. The letter comes from Bristol and was dated October 8,

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1917, and is interesting in that it shows the patriotic spirit in which the British are supporting the war, and the determination they have to win. The letter says in part, after referring to kin folks and personal matters:

"All the eligible men are either gone to the front or engaged in some kind of war work at home. The women by the thousands are in the munition works and earning good pay. Still there is no want and the National will is as strong as ever to fight to a successful finish at whatever cost.

"We realize as a people that it is a struggle for freedom and liberty against German tyranny and misrule. It is truly wonderful the response of the Colonies to the needs of the Motherland and now the States have thrown in their lot with us. I believe it is only a matter of time and that the results will be a great triumph for that which is good and great.

"The war is upsetting all business and everything is very dear and all building is practically at an end as the government have commandeered all material, and you can only purchase in small quantities and that by permit of the munition board, and then it must be shown that the new work is of National importance.

"Leslie Tuckey is in Egypt and is quartermaster sergeant. His brother, Elliot, is lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery. Both have seen much service and up to date are all right. Leslie was at Gallipoli and was one of four in his troop not killed or wounded. Elliot was two years on the Somme. Jack, Ernest's oldest boy, has been driving two years and seven months in the army service corps as motor driver. Douglas, the youngest boy, is in the Bedford Buffs. He has three sons in the trenches. This gives you a brief account of things at home.

"With love to you and yours,
"Your affectionate,
"DAD"

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Most Reliable.

After many years' experience in the use of it and other cough medicines, there are many who prefer Chamberlain's to any other. Mrs. A. C. Kirstein, Greenville, Ill., writes, "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been used in my mother's home and mine for years, and we always found it a quick cure for colds and bronchial troubles. We find it to be the most reliable cough medicine we have used."

J. A. Nichols of Waco was in Ballinger a few hours Wednesday.



Not Exactly Home Sick Sammies Just Sentimental

By J. W. PEGLER

United Press Staff Correspondent
American Field Headquarters,
France, Oct. 11.—(By Mail.—) A dark, moonless sky, stippled with pin points of silver light, the sound of restless hoofs stamping in the mule barn—and that gone, homesick feeling. It was natural that the Sammies should gather round the darkening embers in the cook-shack tonight and sing till they had to go to bed.

Sentiment seemed to fall over the camp all of a sudden. Perhaps it was the slight tinge of autumn in the air or the sight of brown-stubbed, harvest fields where gaunt old peasant women went up and down the rows gleaning stray wisps of wheat.

Anyway, as soon as the vesper chow had been tucked away the fellows began to drift down the battalion street, singularly silent for Sammies. French housewives tanned about the face and wide about the middle, sat in their doorways, knitting or crooning to cranky, tired children.

From the edge of a wood, a hundred yards up the hill, came the sad discord of a single flute. The top sergeant said it was "that crazy Anderson guy, practising progressive exercise number one," with the ambition of some day getting a place in the band.

Shadows rushed down from the hills and darkness turned the groups of khaki into mere blots moving about in the gloom. Then someone with a tenor voice began the sob-stuff while someone else accompanied him on a mouth-organ.

"Ain't that great?" said the top sergeant. "Take me back to Chicago and the summer nights on the lake, when we'd paddle our canoes about a mile out and sing just like that."

The song came from the little circle around the cook's fire. The cook-shack really isn't a shack at all—just a canvas roof, with a

stove pipe running through it and leafy branches spread on top to fool the German aeroplanes. So the song was unconfined by walls, but free to overwhelm the sobbing of Anderson's flute.

"Just a song at two-o'clock. 'When the lights are low—' Everyone sang, some worse than others, and a raw kid from Memphis threw a rock at a French hound because the dog threw in his own mournful howl to swell the volume.

Sentimental stuff having the call, the Memphis lad rose and declaimed, "The Face on the Barr-room Flo" to the growing audience. Sitting at his feet a boy from Iowa was reading a letter from home, holding it so as to catch the firelight.

"My girl gives me a lot of good advice about likker," said he. "That's a good sign that she cares for me."

There followed songs and selections, solos and choral effects. It was "Mother Macbree" and then that one about the "train that's coming around the bend. Good-bye, my lover, good-bye." Some highbrow guy who used to be a reporter in Tulsa, Okla., tried to get away with a poem by a gent named Wilde—"I never saw a man who looked so wistfully at the da—" He kept on and on for many stanzas but quit when he was drowned out by the close-harmony bawling of "Whiskey, oh, whiskey, you ain't no friend of mine—"

Inevitably "Home Sweet Home" came around on the program. It was interrupted by a bugle blast. Sammies moved along to their billets, the Iowa boy tucking away his letter, having read it four times. The mules stamped and rattled their halt-chains in the stable. The sentimental stuff gave way to the common-sense crunching of gravel under the sentry's feet.

PLEDGE CARD COM. WILL CALL FRIDAY

County Judge Parish, chairman of the pledge card committee of the city of Ballinger, announces that the committee has selected Friday morning as the date for canvassing Ballinger. An effort will be made to call on every home in Ballinger between eight o'clock and twelve o'clock Friday morning. If for any reason the committee fails to find you, it will be your duty to find a member of the committee before Friday night and sign one of the cards.

Judge Parish says that the captain of each squad of workers on each street will be supplied with all the necessary cards, and those who have been selected to help do the work and who will assist in securing the pledges are requested to call on the captain and get the cards.

"A Membership Card in Every Home," is the slogan adopted for this campaign. You can at least sign a card.

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.

SPRING HILL NEWS

Mrs. Tipton is still quite sick. Mrs. Duncanson has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Gus Carnes.

Preston Dunn and family have returned from Oklahoma.

George and John Dean, Oran and Herbert Dean motored to the Dallas Fair and they report a fine trip.

Miss Viola West of Bradshaw is our teacher for this year.

We are sorry to report Mrs. John Dean happened to a bad accident by getting her ankle badly sprained.

Quite a number of the young people had a hay-ride Friday night. They were chartered by Mesdames Allison, Duncanson and Inels.

Bro. Golden preached for us Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Linley is in Blackwell for a short time.

Mr and Mrs. Ray Halstead and Miss Marie Compton visited Spring Hill Sunday night.

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Cole's Original Hot Blast
No. 116

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operation. She and the committee are indeed grateful for your generous gift.

Yours very sincerely,

GRETTA GOULD.

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 carry our Great President's policy. We challenge comparison in the class of work we turn out.

Tom Layne of Winters was a business visitor to Ballinger Wednesday.

WHO MADE THE KAISER?

Some people were made to be soldiers, But the Irish were made to be cops, Sauerkraut was made for the Germans But Spaghetti was made for the wops.

Fish were made to drink water. And huns were made to drink booze, Banks were made for money And money was made for Jews.

Everything was made for something.

Most everything but a miser, God made Wilson for President, But who in the h— made the Kaiser?

—Unknown Author

Everybody be at Singing next Sunday night.

"MAY"

BIG G is effective in treating gonorrhea, urethritis, gonococcal discharges, painless, acute, subacute, chronic, will not recur. Relief in 1 to 4 days. **SOLD BY DRUGGISTS** Parcel Post if desired. Price \$1. or 2 bottles \$2.75. Prepared by **THE EVANS CHEMICAL CO., CINCINNATI, O.**

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT TRINKET BOX

Mrs. Elmer Shepperd, chairman of the local committee appointed by the Red Cross to collect trinkets, is in receipt of a letter from the National Special Aid Society, of New York acknowledging receipt of the first box of trinkets from Ballinger. Mrs. Shepperd sent a box of trinkets to headquarters a couple of weeks ago, and that the work was appreciated is shown in the following letter:

My Dear Mrs. Shepperd: I wish to acknowledge receipt of the splendid gift from Ballinger, which reached our treasure and trinket room this morning.

Mrs. Bartlett has asked me to express to you her very grateful appreciation of your splendid co-



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would greatly appreciate the old home paper, it would be to him just like getting a letter from all his friends at once. You could send him nothing that he would enjoy more than

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If these cigarettes are not in perfect condition, or if they are not entirely satisfactory in every way, return the package and as many of the cigarettes as you have not smoked, to your dealer and he will refund your money.

You couldn't ask for anything more complete, sweeping or unreserved, could you?

You are protected, the dealer is protected: everyone who pays his money for Lucky Strike Cigarettes is given the squarest deal that plain English can define.

Isn't it a satisfaction to you to buy goods in which the manufacturer's confidence is so completely expressed, and the dealer's confidence so thoroughly backed up?

It gives you confidence; brings us all together—a complete circle of confidence.

Lucky Strike is the real Burley cigarette; you'll enjoy it immensely: the new flavor:

It's Toasted

LETTER FROM PAT O. WILLIAMS

J. A. Williams is in receipt of a letter from his son Pat, who is in

Company M, 144th Infantry, stationed at Camp Bowie, in which the Ballinger soldier reports good progress for the Ballinger boys. Pat says his company has been

built up to full war strength, twenty drafted men from Camp Travis being transferred to Camp Bowie and mustered into his company. All twenty of the men came from Lampasas, and Pat says they are all fine fellows. Company M subscribed for \$23,650.00 worth of liberty bonds, according to the letter just received by Mr. Williams.

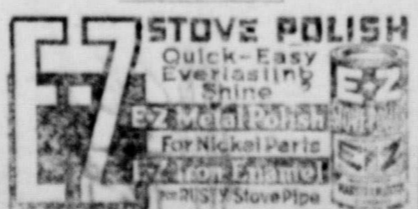
WHY OLD BACKS ACHE

Many Ballinger Old People Have Found Backache to Be a Sign of Kidney Weakness.

What a pity that so many people past middle age are worried with lame backs, aching kidneys, poor eyesight, sick headaches, dizziness, gravel, dropsy or distressing urinary ills. Kidney weakness brings these discomforts in age or youth, and is a dangerous thing to neglect for it leads to Bright's disease and uric acid poisoning. Doan's Kidney Pills have brought new strength to many Ballinger old people. You will make no mistake by following the example of Mrs. C. E. Nelms, N. Ninth St. She says: "I had a lot of trouble in my back and it was so sore and lame at times I could hardly keep going. I suffered that way for a long time and used plasters and medicines with no good results. I thought the trouble was due to my advanced age. A friend recommended Doan's Kidney Pills and I started using them. Two boxes made my back strong and I felt better in every way. Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Nelms had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y."

IMPEACHED GOVERNOR TO LAUNCH PAPER.

The Forum Co., of Temple, has been granted a charter to do business in Texas. Its capital stock is \$1,000, all paid in. Former Governor Ferguson is one of the incorporators and he has taken \$990 of the stock. J. H. Davis, Jr., assistant private secretary of former Governor Ferguson, and John L. Ward, an attorney of the former governor, are the other incorporators and each has taken \$5 of the capital stock. The company is organized for the purpose of conducting a printing and publishing business in Texas. Its capital stock is wares and merchandise of a stationary and blank book manufacturing business.



FARMERS CAN IRRIGATE IF CITY WATER FLOWS

City Attorney Shepherd and Commissioner Doose returned from Austin Tuesday at noon, where they were sent by the city to contest applications made by farmers to build dams on the creek above the city dams and conserve the water for irrigation in such as to reduce the city's water supply.

In the hearing both the applicant for water rights and the city were given justice. The board of water engineers recognized the city's priority in the matter and agreed that the flow of the stream could not be interfered with in such a way as to reduce the water supply and endanger the property of the city to a greater fire risk.

The board after hearing the facts in the case announced that the right to build other dams would be recognized only under the condition that such dams be constructed with flood gates, and not water conserved until the city lakes had been filled. The water commission holds that it would not be right, and the law did not intend, that any man should be deprived of building a dam and conserving the flood water when the flood waters were such as to over supply those holding prior rights, and the board so ruled. This gives others right to build their dams, where they have complied with all provisions of the law and rules regulating the storing of water after those holding prior rights have been supplied.

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.

OUR SLOGAN

"A Membership Card in Every Window—An Instruction Card in Every Kitchen in Ballinger and Rannels County."

C. A. Sewell of Miles was in Ballinger Wednesday.

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Allowance Made For Dependents

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dence of her ability to support her self and children. Compulsory allotments may be excused for good cause shown.

"2. A family allowance not to exceed \$50.00 per month, in addition to pay allotted by the mon shall be paid out of the Treasury of the United States. Such family allowance shall be paid upon application, which may be made by the man, or made by or in behalf of the beneficiary. No family allowance shall be paid for any period preceding November 1, 1917. Family allowance will be paid from time of enlistment.

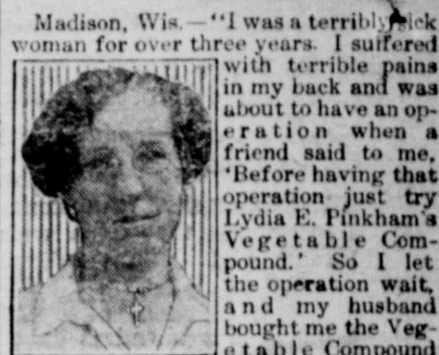
"3. Beneficiaries Entitled to Family Allowance and Schedules: Class A. Wife, child or children:

- (a) If there be a wife but no child, \$15.00.
 - (b) If there be a wife and one child, \$25.00.
 - (c) If there be a wife and two children, \$32.50 and \$5.00 per month additional for each additional child.
 - (d) If there be no wife but one child, \$5.00.
 - (e) If there be no wife but two children, \$12.50.
 - (f) If there be no wife but three children, \$20.00.
 - (g) If there be no wife but four children, \$30.00 with \$5.00 per month additional for each additional child.
- Class B. Grand children, parent, brother or sister:
- (a) If there be one parent, \$10.
 - (b) If there be two parents, \$20.00.
 - (c) For each grandchild, brother, sister and additional parent, \$5.00.

The act contains further provisions relative to contribution from the government and allotments from enlisted men's pay but which are too long and involved to set forth in this telegram. Compensation for death or disabilities is al-

TERRIBLY SICK WOMAN

Surgical Operation Thought Necessary, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Saved Her.



Madison, Wis.—"I was a terribly sick woman for over three years. I suffered with terrible pains in my back and was about to have an operation when a friend said to me, 'Before having that operation just try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.' So I let the operation wait, and my husband bought me the Vegetable Compound and it has made me a well woman and we have a lovely baby girl. We cannot praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound enough, and I hope this letter will lead other suffering women to try it."—Mrs. BENJAMIN F. BLAKE, R.F.D. No. 5, Box 22, Madison, Wis.

There must be more than a hundred thousand women in this country who, like Mrs. Blake, have proven what wonders Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound can do for weak and ailing women. Try it and see for yourself.

All women are invited to write for free and helpful advice to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass.

so provided for. "4. The brief resume of the outstanding provisions of the Act is transmitted to you in order that you may be officially advised that the government has made certain provisions for dependents of men in the military and naval service.

"5. This telegram should not be construed as directive in any sense but merely information. I am confident that the provisions of this Act will be of considerable aid in disposing of requests to reopen dependency cases under the provisions of Compiled Rulings No. 12, subsection (m)."

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THE DRAGON BRAND
Ladies: Ask your Druggist for Dr. Chester's Pills in Red and Gold metal cases. Each case contains 25 pills. Sold by Druggists Everywhere.

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And if you don't believe it, come to the QUEEN THEATRE tonight and see the Triangle Kay Bee play in which **William Desmond** portrays the part of a high spirited, good-natured boy, who cares no more for business than a jack rabbit. His father, trying to make him into a business grind, fails, and the young man is finally turned adrift. He drifts along and finally marries a chorus girl. And this girl rouses all the best in the man; he goes to work, and through a series of thrilling happenings, saves his father from the toils of conspirators. Also A Triangle Comedy—"A Winning Loser"—A Merry Mix-Up.
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