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### Aviators Here in Interest of Army Y. M. C. A. Work

F. H. Zeller who has seen actual service in the French aviation corps, flying over the Western front, spent Thursday in Ballinger in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. work in the army camps, both at home and abroad.

Mr. Zeller returned home from France in June. His home is in Ohio. When the great movement to raise thirty-five million dollars to carry on the Y. M. C. A. work among the soldiers was put on foot, Mr. Zeller was called in to service to take the field and help organize committees in cities and counties throughout the country.

He arrived in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon from San Angelo, where a committee pledged themselves to raise \$2500. As soon as he arrived in Ballinger arrangements were made for a meeting at the Queen Theatre at ten o'clock Thursday morning, and more than one hundred men were present to hear the army flyer briefly tell of the condition in Europe and to learn of the movement to carry on the Y. M. C. A. work.

Before addressing the meeting at the Queen Theatre, Mr. Zeller visited the high school building where he talked to the school children and enlisted their help in the work. After the talk at the high school a committee of eight boys were appointed to assist in the work.

After Mr. Zeller's address at the Queen Theatre, J. McGregor, acting as chairman of the meeting appointed W. C. Penn, J. Y. Pearce, E. D. Walker, Scott H. Mack and L. Cohen, as an executive committee to take the work in hand and carry on the work of raising one thousand dollars in this county for the work in hand. The committee appointed met with Mr. Zeller at two o'clock Thursday afternoon, and Mr. Zeller gave the committee further instructions.

Just before the meeting was called to order at the Queen Theatre, Mr. Zeller received a telegram from headquarters announcing that up to Tuesday night, the first two days of the great campaign, \$11,400,000 had been raised. Of this amount Texas had subscribed \$186,950, or about one half of the total amount. Texas had been called on to subscribe.

The Y. M. C. A. workers in America are endeavoring to raise this week \$35,000,000.00. Pledges

### PETROGAD REPORTED IN FLAMES

Stockholm, Nov. 15.—The Swedish News Agency at Haparanda, on the Russian border, sends a brief message to Stockholm saying, "Petrograd reported in flames." The revolutionists in control of the telegraph lines decline to give out information concerning the situation in the Russian capital, and it is not known what faction is in control of the city.

**Kerensky Troops Defeated.**  
Copenhagen, Nov. 15.—Bolsheviks have succeeded in re-conquering Gatchina. According to Helsingfors dispatches received here Kerensky's troops are retiring to the south.

are being taken and the subscribers can pay up to April 1, 1918. It is estimated that this amount will carry on the work in the army camps up until the last of next year.

Texas has been asked to pay \$400,000 of the amount. Runnels county has been asked to pay \$1,000 of the amount. Runnels county will give liberally, because the people of Runnels County already realize the value of the Y. M. C. A. to the boys who have gone from this county to the war. Letters written on Red Triangle stationery to the folks back home tells the story of the Y. M. C. A. work in the training camps.

While Mr. Zeller did not tell much of his personal experience in the war zone and in trips made high in the air over the German trenches, he gave a vivid description of the unenviable methods of warfare being used by the Germans, telling how the Germans used their gas and liquid fire. The speaker made it plain that the war will be a long drawn out fight, and that it will continue for at least three years. This opinion he based on information gained at

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### AMERICAN HELP IN RUSSIAN STRUGGLE

Petrograd, Oct. 2. (By Mail).—Ambassador David R. Francis, who was first among all diplomats here to suggest that his government recognize the provisional government in Russia after the revolution finds himself considerably embarrassed, occasionally, when a delegation from some revolting district of Russia calls upon him. President Wilson and Mr. Francis are evidently considered the champion "recognizers" of Christendom.

The Ukrainians who recently declared themselves an independent state—and thereby raised a crisis that caused a slight upset in the Kerensky cabinet—sent a delegation to Governor Francis requesting that the United States recognize Ukraine as an independent nation. The situation was somewhat embarrassing for the American representative.

"You believe in the self definition of small nations, don't you?" asked the Ukrainians.

"I certainly do," said the ambassador in his southern dialect. "I certainly do. But there must be a limit somewhere."

"What do you mean—limit?" asked the delegation.

"How long ago was your liberty taken away from you?" asked Francis.

"In 1760," said the Ukrainians. "Can't do anything for you, gentlemen," said Francis. "If we recognize your independence of 1760 we'd have to turn the United States back to the American Indians. We took it away from them about 1776, and their rights to self definition are sixteen years' later than yours."

Seeing that Gov. Francis and the United States were having their own internal worries about the rights of small peoples, the Ukrainians withdrew, satisfied.

W. D. Virden, of the Winters country, had business in Ballinger Wednesday. Mr. Virden reported that the people in his community were feeling the effects of the drought.

### 28 WEST TEXANS GO TO STATE PEN

The state penitentiary transfer agent, who passed through this city Wednesday afternoon, en route to Huntsville with a bunch of prisoners he had gathered up over West Texas, and who picked up three prisoners at Ballinger, had his hands full when he left Ballinger.

Sheriff Perkins accompanied the agent as far as Brownwood, where the prisoners were given their supper, and where they had the privilege of eating the last meal outside of prison walls for some time to come.

Notwithstanding that the prison agent had twenty-eight men, prisoners who had been convicted and given terms varying from two to twenty years for crimes including forgery, robbery, theft and murder, he handled the men with ease.

The men were chained together in pairs and then the pairs were chained together, and then the entire twenty-eight chained to the seats in the car. To move one all had to move, and to move all the car had to move, unless the officer unlocked the heavy chains that held the prisoners together.

Seventeen of the twenty-eight men came from El Paso, three from San Angelo and three from this place. The other five were picked up at points between Ballinger and El Paso. The man in charge brought the men down the Southern Pacific from El Paso to Alpine and from Alpine to Ballinger over the Orient to San Angelo.

### GERMAN TREACHERY BREAKS ITALIAN LINE

Washington, Nov. 14.—Light is thrown upon hitherto unexplained references to German intrigue in the ranks of the Italian army by an official dispatch received here today from Rome. It tells how, on the eve of their great offensive the Teutons circulated points of the Italian front newspapers carrying sensational stories of rebellions in Italian provinces, of English soldiers shooting down women and children and of French cavalrymen riding over the bodies of agitators. In further explanation of the breakdown of the Italian defense the message says Italian-speaking Bulgarians and Croats in Italian uniforms penetrating the lines on the eve of the offensive caused great confusion by telephone orders for the abandonment of important positions. "An investigation," says the dispatch, "has brought to light the most treacherous ruse resorted to by the enemy in order to undermining the morale of our soldiers immediately before the inauguration of the present offensive. On the 20th of October the enemy succeeded in smuggling through our lines and caused to be disturbed in specified sectors thousands of copies of *Il giornale d'Italia* and *Il Corriere della Sera*, in which were reported tumults and rebellions in Naples, Florence, Sicily and Puglia, with hundreds of people killed in Tuscany by English soldiers firing upon women and children and also describing French soldiers riding upon the bodies of agitators, etc. It was also established that in certain sectors Bulgarians and Croats, wearing Italian uniforms, penetrated among our troops, favored by a thick mist and the ability of speaking Italian fluently, having studied at the Turin Military academy, and ordered our soldiers through telephone to abandon important positions and thereby causing great confusion and anxiety." Accounts of the Italian retreat before the Austro-German drive have told of the failure of the Italians at crucial points to make a show of fight against the invader.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Once again President Wilson has undertaken personally to prevent a general railroad strike. He has called the heads of the four great railroad brotherhoods to meet him in conference November 11 and will insist that patriotism be put ahead of private interest; that there be no attempt to handicap the operation of a vital part of the nation's war-making machinery. The president is confident that nothing unpatriotic will be done but if the necessity arises he is prepared to take the required steps to prevent a tie-up of transportation.

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### POTATO BUGS MAY HELP END WAR

Washington, Nov. 15.—The war will soon be over. An Ohio man will end it. He has suggested to U. S. Marine Corps officials here that they direct their aviators to drop potato bugs over Germany. He declares there are no potato bugs in the Kaiser's realm, and since the "spud" is "absolutely essential to Germany's economic welfare, the dropping of "Murphy destroyers" over the Rhine country would quickly terminate hostilities. Simple, isn't it? Marine Corps official think so.

### SCHOOL BOY WANTS TO CHANGE NAME OF BERLIN

Boston, Mass., Nov. 15.—Berlin—not the capital of autocracy—but a small Massachusetts town, may have its name Americanized as the result of the patriotism of Kenneth Baker, a school boy of this city.

The lad petitioned Governor McCall to have the town's name changed to something more American. The governor approved of the suggestion, and now the selectmen of Berlin are considering the question.

W. W. Poe was here Thursday and found time in his business rounds to drop in and pay for the Daily Ledger to come to his address on Route 1 out of Winters for another year. Mr. Poe says the roads in some places are getting in such shape that it is necessary to throw his big car in low gear to prevent breaks.

### MORE AMERICANS KILLED AND WOUNDED IN FRANCE

#### R. R. STRIKE CALLED OFF BY TRAINMEN

Cleveland, Nov. 15.—The general railroad strike which has been threatening the country for some time is all off. "There is not going to be a railroad strike," declared W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen today.

The statement given out is indicative of the decision of the four great railroad brotherhoods to remain loyal to the American government during the war, and comes following the announcement that President Wilson would take a hand in the threatened strike.

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### BOLD BURGLARS ROB PROMINENT LAWYER

Ballinger has long boasted of being a city free of petty theft, but Tuesday night this much boasted record was somewhat shattered.

Some ruthless thief entered upon the premises of Judge M. C. Smith and then and there with malice aforethought, lifted from the coop three fat hens, which had been fed for some days preparatory for slaughter and home consumption.

Whether this said thief was white or black is not known, but it is believed by Judge Smith that it was a "gentleman of color" as he contends that it is a negro's prerogative to steal chickens and by so doing, they do not deport so far from the "rectangle of rectitude" as would a white man, who should commit such an offense.

After the discovering of the theft on Wednesday morning, there was some discussion in the family over so great a loss in times of food conservation, and each member of the family expressed regret, except the judge, who said that he had always tried to be a philosopher and take all things for the best and there was one happy phase to the calamity, and it was this: there would be a considerable saving in high priced "chicken feed" and thus ended the unhappy event.

G. W. Morris of Glencoe was visiting his daughter here Wednesday between trains.

Sales slips did you say. Call 27 and call for the job man.

(By United Press.)

United Press dispatches received from American Field Headquarters in France today, brings the news of the killing and wounding of more Americans in the front line trenches. The loss to the American army came as the result of a hot shelling to which the Germans subjected the front line trenches. The number of dead and wounded is not known. One of the Americans killed was killed by German sniper. One German shell wounded several American before they could take refuge in their dugouts. The heavy fire from the Germans came after the Americans had attacked a large German patrol in No Man's land, and killed and wounded several Germans.

In the patrol and ambush work which followed the Americans did brilliant fighting, killing one German and wounding two.

With the American Army in France, Nov. 14.—American infantrymen exacted a partial revenge for a trench raid during a recent night by ambushing a large German patrol in No Man's Land, killing or wounding a number of the enemy. The American patrol in which there were some Frenchmen arranged the ambush near the German lines on a shell ruined farm. After lying in the mud nearly all night the patience of the watchers was rewarded by the sight of a large German patrol. Its number more than doubled that of the Franco-Americans. The Germans were permitted to pass when the Americans and Frenchmen on their flank opened a hot fire from shell craters and other shelters where they were secreted. The Germans were taken completely by surprise and bolted, carrying with them their men who had been hit. The number of dead and wounded Germans is uncertain but none of the men in ambush was hit by bullets which the Germans later sent in from a distance. There were congratulations all around when the Americans and French re-entered their trenches.

Patrol work on both sides is becoming more active as is also the artillery fire. The Germans during one twenty-four-hour period of a recent day sent over at least three times as many shells as on the first days after the Americans were entrenched. One night the firing in the back areas against the approaches of the communicating trenches reached the proportion of drum fire. It was evident the Germans thought an American trench relief was taking place. As a matter of fact no relief was in progress and no material damage was done. During the last two nights the Germans have continuously used machine guns in the direction of the American line. Sniping is becoming more active on both sides. American sharpshooters are working close to the German lines especially when the nights are clear. The activity by enemy snipers thus far has resulted in one American casualty. A non-commissioned officer was hit in the head and killed.

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Clodge Editor

So far the autos have killed more Americans than the war with Germany.

We can't agree with some of our friends, who claim that a man can live under the protection of the American flag and be neutral in this war. There is no neutral ground between American freedom and German autocracy.

Press reports indicate that the

joint investigating committee now probing into the various state departments will have something interesting to report when the legislature meets. The game warden and prison officials are being called on to explain.

The Dallas News suggest that the El Paso cowboy who walked from a dream on the train and began shooting the other passengers had probably spent many previous moments in looking upon the wine when it was blood red. The officers found a clue in three bottles of beer in the man's grip.

Bolsheviki, Tsarskoe, Auravieff, Nikolai, Rodzianki, Miliukoff, Trotzky, are just plain names that adds to the interest in reading the

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One thousand million dollars is a huge sum, almost a dollar for every inhabitant in the world. Multiply that by eight, the amount of the two Liberty Bond issues, and the result is staggering. Before she went into the war the United States had more money in the bank than all other nations combined and a matter of a few billion dollars will not disturb the finances of the country.—Abilene Reporter.

This money is put in circulation, and the question naturally arises, where does it go? America is furnishing the allies with ammunition and food, but not without pay. Millions after millions of dollars have been loaned the allies, and yet none of it has left American shores. Instead it is used by representatives of the allies in buying war supplies from American people. America has cash to spare, and the greatest cost in the war will be men.

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The world has been put on notice, however, that new-comers of the poverty stricken class are not needed here, and those who come here for the specific purpose of securing the sympathy of the charity committee will find themselves facing a cruel world. The poor we have with us always, and the city has all the poor it can care for through the coming winter and those who come here for help will be returned to the city from whence they came empty-handed.

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Secretary McAdoo has prescribed the terms and conditions governing the conversion of such 3 1/2 per cent bonds of the First Liberty Loan into 4 per cent bonds. The official regulations constitute Treasury Department Circular No. 93 (Liberty Loan Circular No. 8), which the Treasury Department will send on request to any bond-holder or any citizen.

Bonds of the First Liberty Loan may be converted into 4 per cent convertible gold bonds of 1932-47, the terms of which will be identical with the bonds of the Second Liberty Loan, except that they will have the same dates for payment of interest, the same date of maturity of principal, and the same terms of redemption as the bonds of the First Liberty Loan.

The inconvenience of adjusting interest upon conversion will be avoided if the holders of bonds of the First Liberty Loan, who desire to convert, effect such conversion either as of November 15, 1917, by presenting and surrendering their holdings on or after November 8, and up to and including November 15, 1917, or by making such conversions as of December 15, 1917, by presenting and surrendering their holdings after November 15, and on or before December 15, 1917. All conversions effected after December 15, 1917, will necessitate payments to the United States to adjust interest. The details of this interest adjustment are all set out and tabulated in Treasury Circular No. 93 (Liberty Loan Circular No. 8.)

The right to convert bonds of the First Liberty Loan into these new bonds must be exercised if at all on or before May 15, 1918. Though bonds may be presented for conversion on or before November 8, 1917, no 4 per cent bonds will be delivered until November 15, 1917. Bonds of the First Liberty Loan which are not converted in the exercise of the present conversion privilege will still have the right, if any bonds should later be issued by the United States Government during the war bearing a higher rate of interest, to convert their bonds into bonds bearing such higher rate of interest. Failure to exercise the conversion privilege within six months from November 15, 1917, affects only the present conversion privilege and not any later privilege which may arise.



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Diancio Castillo and Mrs. Matilde Estrada.  
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J. P. Flynt vs. J. W. Mangum, foreclosure on chattel mortgage lien.  
Births.  
To Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gremy of Miles, November 9, a girl.  
To Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Scoggin of Norton, November 10, twins, a boy and a girl.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Havorak of Rowena, November 1, a girl.  
To Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Elbridge of Ballinger, November 11, a boy.  
To Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Horton of Winters, November 9, a girl.  
To Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Webb of Winters, November 10, a boy.

Mrs. A. C. Roberts of Iowa Park passed through Ballinger Thursday going to Brownwood.

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**NOTICE IN PROBATE.**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS.  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County—Greeting—  
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Runnels County, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS—  
To all persons interested in the Estate of Mattie A. Stevens, deceased, W. M. Stevens has filed an application in the County Court of Runnels County, on the 9th day of November 1917, for Probate of will of Mattie Stevens, deceased, and for Letters Testamentary which said application will be heard by said Court on the 4 day of February 1917, at the Court House of said County, in Ballinger, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and answer said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fair not, but have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Witness my hand and official seal, at Ballinger, this 9th day of November 1917.  
W. C. Mc-CARVER,  
Clerk County Court, Runnels

## FIRE SEASON IS HERE---

More property is damaged by fire in winter season because there is more fire. Very simple. How about the loss in case your property burns? A good policy is to get a policy. Let us write it.

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To Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Billups of Winters, November 9, a girl.  
To Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Gray of Winters, October 25, a boy.  
To Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gully of Ballinger, November 11, a girl.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Will Woods of Ballinger, Nov. 9, a boy.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Levi Carter of Ballinger, November 6, a girl.  
Miss Jackson of Winters was shopping in Ballinger Thursday.

E. Schmidt returned Thursday from Fort Worth, where he had been for several days on business.



terest, to convert their bonds into bonds bearing such higher rate of interest. Failure to exercise the conversion privilege within six months from November 15, 1917, affects only the present conversion privilege and not any later privilege which may arise.

**Mrs. P. O. Stuchell Tells How She Cured Her Son of a Cold.**  
"When my son, Ellis, was sick with a cold last winter I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It helped him at once and quickly broke up his cold," writes Mrs. P. O. Stuchell, Homer City, Pa. This remedy has been in use for many years. Its good qualities have been fully proven by many thousands of people. It is pleasant to take.

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WOMEN SHOOTERS  
INSTRUCT SAMMIES

Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss., Nov. 15.—This army post boasts of the first woman to qualify as a sharpshooter in the American army—and she hails from Kentucky.

Mrs. Jackson Morris, wife of Major Morris, former secretary to the governor of Kentucky, holds the honor. With the heavy regulation Springfield rifle used in the army, she made forty-five hits out of a possible fifty at 600 yards and with the automatic revolver, she sent a stream of lead into the target a seventy paces, all hits so close together they could be covered with a dime.

Today Mrs. Morris is on the range as an instructor and under orders from Uncle Sam.

Don't send out your order for sales slips, we can handle them and save your money. The Ballinger Printing Co.

O. P. Hemmeline of Winters was in Ballinger a few hours Thursday.

\$100 Reward \$100

The readers of this paper will glad to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address: F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Drug Gists, 75c.

W. D. Verduin of Winters was a business visitor to Ballinger Thursday.

Aviator Here in Interest  
of Army Y. M. C. A. Work

(Continued from First Page.)

first hand while in France and in talking with representatives from the various nations engaged in war since he returned to America. President Wilson's Endorsement.

Lieutenant Zeller emphasized the endorsements that President Wilson, Major General Scott and General Pershing have given the Y. M. C. A. General Scott, returning from Russia, where he visited the various fronts with the Red Cross, stated that the establishment of 300 Y. M. C. A. branches in France would mean 1,000,000 less graves of American soldiers. General Pershing has advocated 500 such posts.

Germany itself has been so much impressed with the Y. M. C. A. that it now allows our workers to provide for allied soldiers in prison camps, and the German government has established a similar organization for service with the Teuton troops," said Mr. Zeller. "The whole thing in a nutshell is this:

**Keeps the Soldier Busy.**  
"The Y. M. C. A. tries to keep the soldier busy and entertained during his spare idle moments. Life on the battle fronts is so strenuous and so taxing on the nerves that a man is able to stay in the trenches only ten days or two weeks at a time. Then he is brought back behind the firing line for three weeks or a month and frequently is given permission to visit Paris and London. It is during these periods of inactivity that clean, wholesome amusement and recreation as well as comfortable quarters must be provided for our soldiers."

Picture shows are given two and three times a week and the men are urged to write to loved ones at home. Oftentimes a mother has failed to hear from her boy in weeks and inquires of his whereabouts and as to whether he is dead or alive. The Y. M. C. A. traces the man, and nine times out of ten brings him in touch with his home.

Song Services Held.

"Song services are held at nearly all hours of the day and always in the evenings in the big camps," Lieutenant Zeller stated. "The program starts off with popular airs or rag-time, but invariably ends up with religious songs. This is not because some Y. M. C. A. worker suggests it, but because the men realize the seriousness of the occasion and recognize the fact that maybe within a few hours they will again be face to face with death. Nearly every man carries a testament, with which all soldiers are provided by the association."

"The religious side of the Y. M. C. A. work appeals strongly to the men. As one Englishman said, the Y. M. C. A. does not mean 'Young Men's Christian Association' but 'You Make Christianity Attractive.' Even in the first line trenches you will find Red Triangle huts. Perhaps it is only a hole in the side of a trench wall or dugout, where not over a half dozen men can gather. But here hot coffee, tea and warm food are served under the most adverse conditions. You may think that such stimulants and light food do not mean much to the soldiers, but it means a lot when a man perhaps is standing in mud and water with his feet freezing."

Corporal Chas. Boyd, who is at home on a furlough, was called on by Mr. Zeller to tell what he thought of the Y. M. C. A. work. Mr. Boyd gave the work his most hearty endorsement, telling what it was doing for the boys at Camp Travis. It affords a place for the soldiers that makes them feel more like they are at home, and a place where they can come together for entertainment, religious services, and social meetings.

Certain Cure for Croup.

Mrs. Rose Middleton of Greenville, Ill., has had the experience in the treatment of this disease. She says, "When my children were small my son had croup frequently. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always broke up these attacks immediately, and I was never without it in the house. I have taken it myself for coughs and colds with good results."

This will be your last opportunity at Zappe's sale. 14-1d1w



THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States Dr. E. W. Hall, 238 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv. 6

One of the most humanizing organized activities of war time is the work of the Y. M. C. A. in army training camps, in prison camps and in camps behind the firing line. Wherever your boy and the other boys may be sent that big organization will be close beside them with its tonic atmosphere of good cheer, sociability and clean living.

**Can't Resist Writing Home**  
Any one of the 75,000 Texas boys in the cantonments, or any one of the 25 "Sammlers" in France, would tell you the same thing this Texas boy wrote to his folks at home:

"I feel as if you ought to know something of the work of this life-saver—the Y. M. C. A. Since the 'Y' shack was opened, the Messa bar and Bill's place are pretty well deserted. If you have loved ones at home, you just can't resist the open ink bottles and the pens and paper. It makes you ashamed to think that the 'Y' is more interested in your loved ones than you are. It hands you out religion in doses a man can take. It tightens up the halter that gets loose when a man gets away from home. Who pays? I don't know, but whoever it is, God bless them. They are the fathers of thousands of boys."

Look to Y. M. C. A.

President Wilson, Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of Navy Daniels are looking to the Association to afford them wholesome recreation opportunity for study, substitutes for home life and manifold other comforts and necessities. The Y. M. C. A. program is designed to do just this thing for our boys from the time they enlist right up to the firing line—for they must die clean or come back straight if the yearnings of hundreds of thousands of homes are to be realized. To provide these few touches of home, whatever be the money cost of doing so, is in reality an insignificant service compared to the sacrifice these men are making for us.

**Texas to Help Generously.**  
Texas is expected to give more than the \$400,000 allotted as her share of the \$5,000,000 national Y. M. C. A. war work fund to be raised in the campaign from Nov. 11 to Nov. 13.

E. Collins of Voss was in this city Thursday between trains.

Mrs. Ocie Hunt of Bradshaw arrived in Ballinger Thursday to visit her brother, who is in a local sanitarium.

Miss Matcher of Lampasas was in Ballinger between trains Thursday.

Dr. W. David of Baird passed through Ballinger Thursday en route to San Angelo.

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DYE EXPORTS FIRST  
TIME IN HISTORY

Washington, Nov. 15.—America added a dash of color to her war today by announcing that the dye industry which died when German dye imports were cut off has been gloriously born again by Yankee ingenuity and energy.

In other words, American business men have answered another of those "can't-be-done" war problems, by inventing dyes as good as the German dyes and by grabbing the world dye market which left in the lurch to seek her place in the Sun.

For the first time in history American dyes are being exported. "Of all the industries created or developed as a direct result of war," said a Department of Commerce report today, "none has shown more rapid progress than American dyestuffs."

"From only seven establishments, in which 528 people were engaged in producing 6,619,729 pounds of coal tar colors, valued at \$1,126,699 in 1914, the industry has developed until now it not only supplies the domestic demand for colors, but has even invaded the foreign market in European neutral and allied countries—Canada, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, British India and Japan, France, Italy, Russia in Europe, Spain, United Kingdom and others."

No other article of industry more vitally affects a greater number of industries than do coal-tar dyes, and few articles are more complex and difficult to make.

At the outbreak of the war, the difficulties in the way of soon providing adequate domestic supplies seemed insurmountable; yet in the short space of three years, scores of plants covering many acres of ground have been erected; numerous by-product coke ovens have been equipped to furnish the necessary raw materials; thousands of workmen have been trained; special machinery has been designed, built, and installed.

Hundreds of chemists and chemical engineers have given their entire time to the unfamiliar work connected with color production. Experimental research has been inaugurated for perfecting processes and machinery and the discovery of new colors.

Plans are being made for American dyemakers to enter the foreign markets on a large scale, and to grab off for good and all the big German dye business that existed almost as a Teuton monopoly before the war.

If you don't believe it, compare the \$1,626,699 worth of dyes America made in 1914, with the \$8,432,398 worth she has made and exported, in addition to supplying the domestic demand, in seven months of this year.

**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**  
THE DIAMOND BRAND.  
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Mrs. W. B. Plicher went to Cisco Wednesday. She will visit relatives at that place and accompany Mr. Plicher's mother, Mrs. B. A. Lewis, back to Ballinger on a visit.

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Miss Blumentritt of Miles was shopping in Ballinger Thursday.

Mark Smith returned home Thursday from Dallas, where he had been visiting for about two weeks.

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**STOMACH TROUBLE**  
Mr. Marion Holcomb, of Nancy, Ky., says: "For quite a long while I suffered with stomach trouble. I would have pains and a heavy feeling after my meals, a most disagreeable taste in my mouth. If I ate anything with butter, oil or grease, I would spit it up. I began to have regular sick headache. I had used pills and tablets, but after a course of these, I would be constipated. It just seemed to tear my stomach all up. I found they were no good at all for my trouble. I heard  
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recommended very highly, so began to use it. It cured me. I keep it in the house all the time. It is the best liver medicine made. I do not have sick headache or stomach trouble any more." Black-Draught acts on the jaded liver and helps it to do its important work of throwing out waste materials and poisons from the system. This medicine should be in every household for use in time of need. Get a package today. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c a package. All druggists.  
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