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### ENEMY UNABLE TO MAKE FURTHER GAINS IN ITALY

Rome, Nov. 19.—The Italian war office announced today that the enemy had been checked, the Austro-Germans having suffered defeat and heavy losses all along the Piave river line. The official announcement stated that the Teutons were unable to advance anywhere.

### FAMOUS ITALIAN FLYER MISSING

Rome, Nov. 19.—Dannunzio, Italy's famous author and one of the greatest air fighters in the world, is believed to have been killed in action. Dannunzio was participating in an attack on the Austro-Germans when he suddenly disappeared, either having descended and was captured or was killed in a fall.

A. J. Voelkel had business in Rowena Monday.

### LEON SPRINGS MEN MUST GO TO FRANCE

Washington, Nov. 18.—A large number of the student officers to be commissioned from the present series of reserve officers' training camps will be sent to France immediately for intensive training. Secretary of War Baker announced today. Others will be distributed among schools in this country for further training, while others will be placed with national army troops.

The war department's scheme provides for placing some 6500 reserve officers with the troops. Others will go to France and to schools here and still others will be distributed, two of each grade, to each infantry company and field artillery battery of the national guard and regular army.

Exceptions to this plan is made in the case of the men training at Leon Springs, Texas. The regular training period there ends on Nov. 27, but the men will be recalled December 15, for further training before being commissioned.

### 3 KILLED; 6 WOUNDED; IN ATTACK

Washington, Nov. 19.—Two American soldiers were killed and six wounded in an engagement with the Germans Tuesday night. Gen Pershing reported to Washington today. This is the total loss to the Americans in the report of the attack recently when it was said "other Americans killed."

### Y. M. C. A. COM. WILL CALL TUESDAY

The committee appointed to raise \$1000 in this county for Y. M. C. A. work in the training camps and across the waters, met Monday morning and outlined a plan of work.

The committee, composed of Messrs. J. Y. Pearce, Soot H. Mack, W. C. Penn, E. D. Walker and L. Cohen, divided the local field up and each man has been assigned a list to canvas by and beginning Tuesday morning they will make an effort to get Ballinger's quota in cash.

The committee requests that the citizens assist them all that they possibly can in the work. Every one should know by this time what the money is to be expended for, and should not take the committee's time in explaining. Have the amount figured out and extend the glad hand with a check or the cash when the committee calls on you.

The committee desires to collect the cash with the subscription, and thereby saving the time of having to send out a collector. Subscribe liberally and pay the cash on the spot, and we will have this duty performed, out of the way and begin to get ready for the next call for help.

### Soldiers Receive More Attention than Civilians

No one knows better than General Allen, commanding the 90th Division, National Army, at Camp Travis, that an efficient army is an army composed of soldiers who are in good health. Those who have sent members of their respective families to compose this great division can have a no more comforting thought than that everything that modern science, eternal vigilance and constant watchfulness can do is being done to keep the soldiers at Camp Travis strong in body and in the best of health.

In no line of endeavor is that axiom "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" applied with greater energy than at Camp Travis. The 90th Division is like one great big family. Its efficiency as a fighting unit is impaired by each soldier in that command that is sick. Not only to provide the greatest possible efficiency, but also to conserve the bodies of the soldiers for the future is one of the problems that has had the thought and attention of some of the foremost minds in the medical world, for the medical personnel now at Camp Travis is composed of physicians who have already earned their right to speak with authority upon matters of health, hygiene and sanitation.

In a family of 30,000 people there is a constant danger and ever present opportunity for the breaking out and the spreading of contagious diseases. Measles and mumps, concomitants of childhood days, make a never ending fight to find lodgment in camps. Mild cases of both these diseases have, as was expected, appeared at Camp Travis. But infected units have been quarantined, stricken cases have been held at a much lower minimum than would have been if the case in any city of the same population as Camp Travis.

No ailment is given more careful attention than the common cold, for the common cold often furnishes a splendid breeding ground for pneumonia. Pneumonia has appeared in this camp, just like it has appeared in other communities in this state. Against no disease is there waged a more vigilant war than against pneumonia. A common cold is taken in hand by the physicians when it first appears. Those thus affected are not passed from under observation of physicians until it has been found that the common cold is that and nothing more.

The medical corps of the army believes firmly and practices religiously that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. To

the end that disease finds no place in Camp Travis where it can spread, no stone is left unturned to insure absolute cleanliness in everything. The food served the soldiers is scrutinized with scientific eyes. Kitchens are required to be spic and span and housewives who take a pride in their households can well afford to envy the results secured. Shower baths, with hot and cold water, are provided and the men themselves see to it that they are used by every soldier in Camp Travis. An immense laundry serves the soldiers at a charge of \$1.50 per month for all the washing the soldiers require or desire done.

On arriving at camp each soldier is given a thorough, careful physical examination. Those with minor ailments, or suffering from defects than can be corrected through separate agencies are segregated into a separate battalion and there trained back to robustness. There are dental officers who look after the teeth of the command and there are expert physical training experts, who direct the work of rebuilding the unfinished bodies. The sick are treated at a large hospital known as the base hospital, which has a capacity of 1,000 beds and a better equipped or more well fitted hospital is not to be found anywhere.

The result of all this care and attention is that soldiers at Camp Travis are better looked after than 99 out of every 100 men at large. The learning of the things that should cause anxiety for relatives and friends is the health of the soldiers at Camp Travis. Every officer at Camp Travis must cooperate with and coordinate his efforts with the medical officers, who are supreme in all things that conserve and preserve the health of the soldiers.

That the energies expended to keep the soldiers at Camp Travis in good health are worth while is attested by the fact that no community, no city in the south with 30,000 population can point to such splendid results as have been the fruit of this care and attention. There are fewer cases of sickness at Camp Travis today than in any city in this state of one-third the population of Camp Travis. As the men are built up physically and become hardened to all things that affect the health this sickness will be still further decreased, for at Camp Travis there is being waged a fight that never ends and there is being maintained a vigilance that never flags to maintain the highest health standard that modern science and demonstrated methods can devise.

### 200 AMERICANS LEAVING THE RUSSIAN CAPITAL

### GAS ATTACK ON AMERICAN SOLDIERS

With the American Army in France, Nov. 18.—The first German gas attack on our troops to be made on a considerable scale occurred early this morning. Though the number of gas shells fired by the Teutons was not large the enemy concentrated his fire on a small portion of one sector, while in his previous "gassings" since the Americans entered the front line the shells spread over a wide area.

The attack was made before daylight. A gas alarm was immediately sounded. Every man in this particular sector quickly donned his gas mask. The attack lasted thirty minutes, after which a light wind carried away the vapors, and the men removed their masks. There were no casualties and none of the men complained of feeling the slightest discomfort.

The situation in the American sector continues normal, the usual artillery activity, patrol and rifle exchanges taking place.

### AMERICAN WOMEN FIGHT ARMY GROUCH

By George Martin.

Washington, Nov. 19.—The new Grouch Exterminators established behind the French front by American women under the direction of Mrs. Wm. K. Vanderbilt are a grand success, cables to the Red Cross said today.

The great Army Grouch was one of the worst diseases France had to contend with until America entered the war. It began with the soldiers in the trenches. They carried it home with them on leave, and it threatened to become a national affair.

That doesn't mean that the poilus were discouraged and ready to quit the war against Germany. It means simply that—

Well, you just choose some nice, cold, rainy batch of weather, go off forty miles from nowhere in it, pick you out a good, miserable mudhole, climb in, stay there two weeks and have somebody shoot guns at you. At the end of that time climb out and walk back that forty miles from nowhere, without food, without a chance to wash or change clothes, keep under a heavy rain and good stiff shellfire most of the way and see if you land home as fair as a lily and as sweet as a rose.

That's the kind of experience that engendered the great Army Grouch in France. It was shattering French morale, not only among the soldiers but among their wives and children at home, to whom they communicated it.

So the American women established Grouch Exterminators on the way from forty miles from nowhere, in France. They call them canteens, but really they're Grouch Exterminators. And this is what today's cable said about them:

"The first of the line of Red Cross canteens, for French troops traveling on leave, has just been opened.

"An average of 2,000 men daily have been given an opportunity of obtaining proper hot meals and a comfortable place for eating and recreation while awaiting change of trains. Arrangements for announcing the departure of trains

Petrograd, Nov. 19.—American Ambassador Francis made a formal request to the Bolsheviki authorities today for a train to carry the members of the American colony here to Serbia. There are two hundred Americans waiting to leave the Russian capital and Ambassador Francis made a request for a special train with protection against revolutionists.

Kerensky Troops Stopped.

Stockholm, Nov. 19.—Reliable messages received here report that the Provisional government forces have been checked in their march toward Petrograd, and the Bolsheviki following greatly strengthened.

Revolutionists Hold Moscow.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Messages received from the American consul general at Moscow by the state department today, says that the Maximalists have taken over all power in Moscow after a week's fighting, the provisional government having lost entire control of the city.

### MOVEMENT OF ALIENS IS RESTRICTED

Washington, Nov. 19.—President Wilson issued a proclamation today which practically restricts the movements of all aliens in the United States. According to the proclamation and instructions issued to federal authorities, all enemy aliens are barred from the District of Columbia and the Panama Canal zone. Aliens attempting to enter the restricted zones will be dealt with as prisoners of war.

### JOE WARD RELEASES ED FROM BOND

In a letter to friends Joe Ward, formerly band instructor at Ballinger, writes from Giddings, Texas, and says that the grand jury failed to indict him for killing a man at that place two or three months ago. It will be remembered that Mr. Ward shot a man on the streets of that town, shooting him several times and killing him instantly. In the letter Mr. Ward states that he will go before the grand jury and request that they return a bill against him so he can go into court and get a clean bill of health by proving himself justifiable.

### PERSHING REPORTS LOSS OF THREE MEN

Washington, Nov. 19.—Gen Pershing reported to the war department today the loss of three more men in the American expeditionary forces now in France. Two of the deaths were caused by pneumonia and one American died as the result of being struck by a train.

### LIGHT SHOWER IN ROWENA

Joe Schwenker of Rowena was in Ballinger Monday shipping out two carloads of cattle to the Fort Worth market. He said that Rowena got a light shower Sunday night, getting almost enough to settle the dust.

Mrs. Alec McGregor returned Saturday from San Angelo, where she had been visiting for a short time.

W. A. Nance 393 NIGHT PHONES Henry Jones 556

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### FORMER VIRGINIAN IN HOUSE OF LORDS

London, Oct. 29. (By Mail.)—America has an indirect representative in the British House of Lords.

He is Lord Fairfax, recently elected a representative Scottish peer—an American-born, naturalized British subject.

The Fairfax family settled in America about two hundred years ago, the sixth Lord receiving from his mother about 5,700,000 acres of land in Virginia. He settled thereon, leaving his English estates to his brother.

The Fairfaxes played a considerable part in American history. A daughter of the sixth peer married a brother of George Washington. Thackeray was inspired to write his "Virginians" by the Fairfax story.

The present Lord proved his claim to the peerage in 1908. He had previously visited England by special invitation to attend the coronation of King Edward. He traveled then under the name of "Mr. Fairfax."

### WHOLESALE TO HELP MERCHANTS

Reliable West Texas merchants who are unable because of the wide failure of crops to pay their accounts to wholesale houses will be extended credit on new goods until next fall and the old accounts will be carried until that time provided that new accounts shall be considered preferred obligations. This decision was agreed upon at a meeting Thursday night of the Fort Worth Wholesale Credit Men's Association at the Westbrook hotel.

When a merchant in that section asks for extended credit, a committee will be appointed to investigate his record and his financial standing. If these are found to be creditable the merchant will be extended credit on the above provision.

A meeting of the State Credit Men's Association will be held here Jan. 18, at which time the matter will receive further consideration. J. H. Tregoe of New York, national secretary of the association, will be present at the January meeting.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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TWO AMBASSADORS

FOR THE DEVIL

Villa has again come to life and started another revolt in Northern Mexico. The old rascal talks of taking charge of Jaurez. The impudence of it! If he does Uncle Sam should slip over and kidnap him and bring him to American soil and there hang him so high that it would require two men to see which way he went up. Villa is a brute of the lowest order, and so far as the United States forgetting his dastardly acts at Columbus, it cannot be. Mexico is not going to punish him and so long as he continues his raids to the interior of that unfortunate republic we have nothing to say, but when he begins operating on the border, in the very front door of our homes, it seems that if nothing else a stray ball from some good American cannon, well aimed, should be accidentally turned loose.—Abilene Reporter.

Villa and the kaiser are the greatest enemies to civilization and peace on earth. Every liberty loving and peace-craving man in the world long for the down fall of such men. Men who can control such influence for evil are nothing less than ambassadors for the devil.

An Old Man's Stomach.

As we grow older and less active, less and less food is required to meet the demands of our bodies. If too much is habitually taken the stomach will rebel. When a man reaches the advanced age 83 or 90, you will find that he is a light eater. Be as careful as you will, however, you will occasionally eat more than you should and will feel the need of Chamberlain's Tablets to correct the disorder. These tablets do not contain poison, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels.

A KEY TO SPORT COLUMN.

Hunters will please take notice that we have opened a sport column in this paper. Hereafter when you return from a hunt and wish to tell your good luck to the work it will be necessary to present the facts—physical facts—in concrete form to the editor, if you get in this column. It will not be necessary to give details, just send in a little of the evidence and we will do the detail.



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ing. No evidence means no story, as we positively refused to write "fish stories" for space killers.

SLANDERING THE WEST.

The Temple Telegram has imposed a rank injustice on Ballinger and Runnels county. In reporting a little shower which fell at Temple Saturday night the Telegram says good rain fell at Ballinger. This false report comes just as we were about to convince the world that this country was dry, high and a healthy place to live. We trust the Telegram will censor these rain reports very closely, and not give publicity to such matters that are calculated to injure us. How can we get on the charity list when the report goes out that the drought has been broken and it is raining prosperity?

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.

GERMAN LODGE HELPS Y. M. C. A. WORK

The Sons of Herman held a meeting in Ballinger Sunday afternoon, and among the workings of the secret order was the passing a resolution appropriating \$10 to the army Y. M. C. A. work. The committee in charge of raising \$1000 in this county has been notified of the Son Herman subscription and instructed to call on the proper officer of that lodge and get the money.

SIMPLE WASH REMOVES RINGS UNDER EYES.

Ballinger people are stilled how quickly pure Lavoptik eye wash relieves blood shot eyes and dark rings. One young man who had eye trouble and very unsightly dark rings was relieved by ONE WASH with Lavoptik. His sister also removed a bad eye strain in three days. A small bottle Lavoptik is guaranteed to benefit EVERY CASE weak, strained or inflamed eyes. Pure aluminum eye cup FREE. Jno. A. Weeks, druggist.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

In conformity of the laws of the State of Texas governing the disposition of Unclaimed and Refused Freight, notice is hereby given that the property described below will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the local freight depot at Ballinger, Texas, on December 10th, 1917, at 9 a. m. o'clock unless same is previously called for and all lawfully accrued charges paid thereon.

Car 8158 41520- Alfalfa Hay shipped from Cameron, Okla., August 29th, 1917, by R. D. Turman & Co., or R. D. Truman & Co., or R. D. Turner & Co., to same consignee, Rowena, Texas. "advise" Plano Grain and Hay Co., covered by Cameron, Okla., to Rowena, Texas, waybill SF 16 dated August 29th, 1917. Signed, J. J. Beck, Agent. 9-25td

American Women Fight Army Grouch

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has enabled between 300 and 400 men to catch a few hours much needed rest in comfortable, clean quarters, without fear of over-sleeping. Such quarters are provided for 600 men. Showers and wash basins are also provided. The pleasure and appreciation of all the men who pass through is most gratifying.

"Strangely enough the first visitors were a troop of Chasseurs who had been instructing our American troops, and on the same evening a large number of American engineers, leaving by a train at one o'clock in the morning were given a warm welcome and send-off by our workers.

"Personnel consists of eighteen women who serve day and night. Soup, bread, meat, vegetables, salads, cheese, eggs, coffee, chocolate and tea gives an idea of the variety of menu served, and an additional store offers canned goods, chocolate, fruit and tobacco for men to take for consumption on the train, as well as postcards and other small materials.

To see men comfortably swapping stories over a cup of coffee, struggling over a game or a puzzle, or chatting over the counter without workers, convinces us that our first effort to divert the thoughts of the men from the excitement and horrors of the trenches into quiet and relaxing channels has been successful."

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Nearly one hundred American women have already gone to France as volunteers in this service. More will be accepted as needed. In addition many American women living in France have worked in this service.

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WAR TALKS

By UNCLE DAN

Number Four

Military Training Necessary for Safety and Defense.

"Say, Uncle Dan," said Billie, "Jimmie and I have been looking up about war in the encyclopedia at school. We found that in the war between Germany and France in 1870-71, Germany lost in killed and wounded 28,000 soldiers while France lost about six times as many, and besides that, she lost every battle. We asked Professor Slocum why this was. He said that the German army was highly trained and ably commanded, while the French soldiers were poorly trained; and that their war department was honey-combed with jealousy and politics; that the officers were not much good, and that's why France lost the war and so many men. What do you think about it, Uncle Dan?"

"Well," said Uncle Dan, "Professor Slocum is right. By inefficiency France lost that war, together with two of her best provinces—Alsace and Lorraine—and had to pay a billion dollars indemnity money. France today learned her lesson by that sad experience, so she put in universal military training, and as a result, her soldiers now know how to fight and how to protect themselves. They are losing less men in the war than the Germans. France also put politics out of her war department, so that expert authority, instead of bureaucratic stupidity, now directs the army. The result is, France has one of the best and most efficient armies ever assembled, and this shows what thorough training and good leadership means in warfare. This saved France in this crisis, as well as the liberties of the world."

"As war is now conducted, there is no place for an untrained man. A body of 10,000 well trained soldiers properly handled could defeat five times their number of raw recruits and do it every time with comparatively small loss to themselves. Proper training alone will reduce the death and casualty rate one-third of what it otherwise would be, and right here is an unanswerable argument for universal military training.

"Our government has no moral right to force her men into war service without properly training them for it. To do so is simply murder, hence the frantic effort that is now being made to give her soldiers some training before they are sent to the front. If we are to win this war, it will take trained men to do it, and it will take trained men to win any other war that may come upon us in the future. If we must fight, let us fight to win and not to lose."

"That's the stuff," said Billie. Continuing, Uncle Dan said: "Our government has expended about \$300,000,000 to put up cantonments and training stations in order to train the men called by the selective draft. When these men are trained the training stations should be immediately filled with younger men, say those in their nineteenth year, to receive six months of intensive military training along the lines of the Chamberlain bill. This will be of immeasurable benefit to them individually. It will do them more good than any other two years of their whole life; it will make them strong, manly, self-reliant, quick to see and quick to act; it will equip them for a successful life. In short, it will also give the government a body of trained men to draw from in case it is necessary to defend our flag and country. We must settle this question of universal military training immediately, otherwise these training camps may be demolished. The adoption of universal military training will be notice to the world that from then on we will be prepared to defend ourselves promptly and efficiently, and this will do more to keep us out of war in the future than anything else we could do."

"Do you think, brother," said Mrs. Graham, "that there will ever be another war?"

"I have no doubt about it," said Uncle Dan. "So long as men are selfish, so long as nations are ambitious to acquire territory, so long as population presses and demands more room, so long as there remains a sensible for world trade—so long wars will be. When the time comes that we reach the high plane for which we hope and dream, when all will recognize the brotherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, then, and then only, will wars cease. When that day comes doors will need no locks, banks will need no vaults to protect their treasures, but that day is a long way off."

"The only safe and sane plan is to be able to defend ourselves at all times. Therefore, every citizen should insist that senators and congressmen shall provide for universal military training, so that never again shall the country be caught so completely unready as this war found us. Fortunately, in this case, our enemy has been held back, so we have had a few months in which to prepare. This advantage probably will never come again. It is however our salvation today."

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### ANGELO BANDS SUSPENDS.

On account of the drouth and the fact that the war has called for men in the band, the San Angelo municipal band has suspended. The leader of the band has announced that there will be no more band until after the war at least, and he is seeking other business.

### NEW MANAGER FOR HARDIN LUMBER CO.

E. E. Proctor arrived in Ballinger the latter part of last week from Winters, and will begin his duties as manager of the Hardin Lumber Company here immediately. He had been in Winters for some time with the same company.

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Hatton Laxton returned Sunday from Missouri, where he had been to buy a shipment of corn for his stock.

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## WAR TALKS

By UNCLE DAN

Number Five

Jimmie and a German Boy Clash— Must Do Three Things to Save Country.

It was a warm evening, so Uncle Dan went out to a lawn seat under the spreading branches of the great tree that suggested the farm's name of Oak Hill. Billie and Jimmie had been lying for him, so Uncle Dan was captured by the boys on short order.

"Say, Uncle Dan," Billie began, "We had a red-hot argument at school yesterday with Carl Newman. Carl said that German schools were miles ahead of our schools and that no one could come up to the educated German. Well, Jimmie got hot under the collar and handed it hot to him good and plenty. Jimmie said if their education taught them to torpedo Lusitanias, sink hospital ships, murder hundreds of women and children, make slaves of the Belgians, poison wells, destroy fruit trees and commit all sorts of crimes, then we did not want that kind of education here. What do you think about it, Uncle Dan? I told Jimmie you spent a lot of time in Europe and knew all about schools, so give us your opinion."

"Well," replied Uncle Dan, deliberately, "the German schools are very thorough; they furnish exceedingly valuable and practical instruction. The industrial training given there is probably the best to be found. The schools as a whole, however, in my opinion, appeal to the head only, and never to the heart. The aim and trend is to make the individual blindly submissive to the Prussian plan of world dominion; they teach that it is the destiny of Germany to rule the world, and that to the glory and advance of Germany, in this plan, all things must give way; that the kaiser as head of the state, can do no wrong if he carries forward the plan of world control. Some of the greatest teachers and preachers even defend and justify her heartless crushing of Belgians and the many other atrocious crimes she has committed in this war. Thank God, our American education reaches both the head and the heart. It is an education with a soul, and we must maintain the high ideals we have fixed. In a word, in Germany, the people are taught that they exist for the government, while here the government exists to serve the people."

"Just wait a minute," interrupted Billie. "Say that over again slowly, so I can write it down."

Uncle Dan, smilingly, complied. Billie exclaimed: "Now, we will hand that out for Carl to crack. Carl, you know," continued Billie, "has a very smart father who keeps him posted on the German arguments. Carl said our government was only an experiment anyway; that it would not last twenty years, and that it might burst up any old time. Jimmie asked him if Germany was so mighty good, why they did not go back there to live."

"Our government will go on forever, won't it, Uncle Dan?"

"Now," said Uncle Dan, "you are raising a big question, and one that has troubled me for years. Our government is still in the experimental stage; in fact, it is the greatest experiment ever undertaken, and if popular government is to be successful, a few things must be done, otherwise, to paraphrase the great Lincoln, the government of the people, by the people and for the people, will perish. It is my firm conviction," said Uncle Dan, in a very impressive manner, "that if our country is to go on, as we hope and pray, we must very quickly do at least three things, and I will name them in the order of importance as it appears to me:

"First, adopt compulsory universal military training of all young men physically fit before they reach the age of twenty years.

"Next, require that every foreigner who comes here to live must, within a reasonable time, say a year, declare his intention of becoming an American citizen and take the necessary steps to do so, thereby, from that moment, assuming all the obligations of citizenship of our country, and that means he must defend our flag upon equal terms with our native born, and if he is not willing to do this, he should be sent back from whence he came."

"That's the stuff," exclaimed Billie. "And, finally, enact such legislation as will make voting compulsory. Popular government is based upon the participation of all and the rule of the majority, and democracy cannot continue and be successful unless we live up to the spirit of the institution."

"The first step, however, is the passing of the Chamberlain bill for universal military training. If you will get the leading citizen, and especially the editor of your paper, to write personal letters to your congressman and both senators, urging their support, it will help enormously."

"I see by the morning papers," said Uncle Dan, "that the Rotary clubs of the entire country, the largest, most efficient organization to be found, have unanimously decided to get back of the Chamberlain bill and give it loyal and enthusiastic support. They will work with the Universal Military Training league to accomplish this important piece of legislation, which will do more than anything else to make us a real nation with a common viewpoint, bring us back to some living and teach us the patriotism of service."



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### RED CROSS NOTES.

The Red Cross Chapter has received a small supply of knitting yarn. Those desiring to knit may come to the library any afternoon this week, to get their yarn and instructions from Mrs. George Pearce, superintendent of knitting.

Miss Maggie Underwood has been appointed chairman of Red Cross Christmas Seals. Miss Underwood will have, in a few days, a supply of these seals for sale at the Ballinger Dry Goods Co.'s store.

### WEEKS BUYS NEW BUICK.

Jno. A. Weeks purchased from Higginbotham Bros. & Co. a new seven-passenger Buick, last Saturday. The new car is of the 1917 model, battleship gray, and so far the latest Buick ever put on the market.

We are now in a position to take orders for sales slips, one hundred books or more. The Ballinger Printing Co.

Corp. Chas. Boyd returned to San Antonio, Sunday, after spending a few days with home folks.

C. O. Harris of San Angelo was a business visitor to Ballinger Monday.

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

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

O. L. Jackson of Abilene was in Ballinger Monday between trains, enroute home from San Angelo.

Mrs. D. Reeder and Miss Louise Ornum returned Monday from San Antonio, after spending about a week there visiting Roy Reeder, who is in the army at Camp Travis.

Mrs. F. E. Lewis of Waco and Mrs. Will Sneed of Winters are the guests of their brother, W. F. Chapman, of this city this week.



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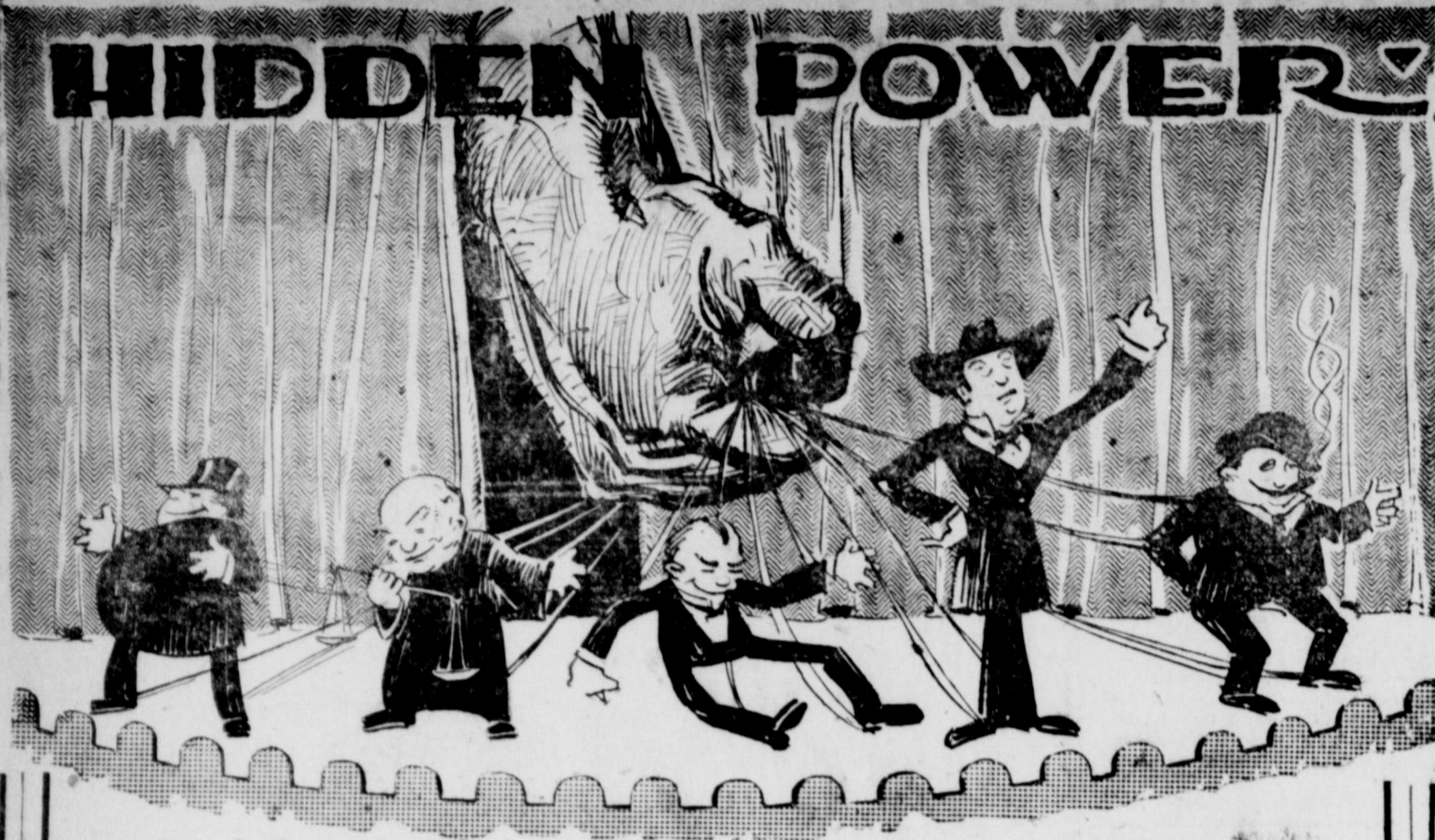
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## Do These Puppets Represent You?

These men who strut around and prate of the "people's rights" and "helping the farmer," did you ever look into their records and see what they have ACTUALLY DONE to promote legislation on the big fundamental questions that they talk about so glibly? What bills have they introduced to help YOU? How have they voted?

Are you SURE that your representatives are not influenced by the HIDDEN POWER that now holds the government of a great Southwestern state in the palm of its hand?

Here is what Mr. Joseph Emerson Smith, Managing Editor of the San Antonio Express, has to say about the astounding political novel "Hidden Power" by Senator John G. Willacy which is now running in

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The Southwest's Own Magazine

"The conviction grows on me that 'Hidden Power' will be one of the material factors in righting conditions where iniquities of a political system of bossism have temporarily chained and shackled the people. You have accomplished a remarkable work. You have written a splendid piece of fiction, a novel of absorbing interest—and when I say absorbing I am not using it other than as a plain fact—and yet the tremendous moral or lesson of your narrative is so made a part, is so vitally essential in the development of the story that there is no line of demarcation, and the reader is swept along to the very conclusion without realizing that the book has a big purpose. And then the lesson it teaches becomes an unforgettable truth implanted in the consciousness."

### Other Special Features in Holland's

"Your Experience" will run in an early issue, giving the experiences of real, every day folks who are successfully keeping living expenses within their income by planning ahead and through the use of homely, practical methods of keeping track of finances. This feature will be made up of letters from readers outlining their actual experiences. For every letter published we will pay Five Dollars. You do not have to be a writer to compete—it is the idea that counts. If you have been studying this problem, write us your solution—yours may be one of the prize winning letters.

### A New Serial

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### Letters from Our Soldier Boys

#### LOST HIS PLACE BUT GLAD TO GET BACK

Camp Travis, Texas, Nov. 13.  
Local Board,  
- Rannels County.

Gentlemen: Well, I am back in the army proper. Had to be examined again and go through all

the proceedings of enlisting in the army. Lost the Sergeantship, but was lucky to get back into my same company. So am entirely satisfied. Am returning a meal ticket that I did not use in Brownwood. Just naturally didn't have time to use it.

Have not had time to look up "White Child." But the first time I am off, will sure go up and find out about the extra ticket.

With best regards to you all, and many thanks for helping me get back to Camp Travis.  
Your friend,  
Roe Stocks.

Echoes From Camp Travis.  
Private Baren Wells, of Ballinger, with the 360th Ambulance Co., is attending the school for non-commissioned officers.

Sam A. Rogers, from Rannels county, reported to Camp Travis and was assigned to Co. A 343rd Machine Gun Bat'n. This organization, as the name implies, will be one of the most important units in the destruction of Germans in the present war.

#### A Letter From "Over There."

Every one is interested in the work that our boys are doing on the other side and in the spirit they are showing now that they are living close to the sound of battle. One of the truly encouraging things about the present situation is the splendid morale of these young men, their complete readiness for sacrifices.

The following fragment of a letter from a young college student has fallen into the hands of

the editor, and is presented as a striking example of the state of mind that animates our men near the front. It makes refreshing reading indeed to us who have heard so much babbling and disloyalty from a certain group of senators. When we read such self-sacrificing sentiments as are printed below, it brings the flush of anger to our cheeks to realize that these Senators are embarrassing and nullifying in every possible way to work of our noble young fellows "over there," and we can only hope that it brings the blush of shame to those guilty of disloyalty.

"I was never so happy as I am now over here and I look forward to the future with the lightest of hearts. Please don't worry, because it does no good. If I go down in this war you ought to be proud. It is the biggest cause now and I am willing to take my chances in the front-line trenches or going 'over the top,' if need be, with the rest of the boys and I intend to see it through by all means. If I didn't I would feel like a fool the rest of my life, and I would much rather be underground out here with the others than leading a soft life at home or putting the issue off, hoping that the war would be over before I had to go, the way some fellows are doing. I know you and mother must feel the same

way. We ought to have been in it three years ago and now, thank God, we have at least done the decent thing before it was too late. Write soon and often, as I have not yet received any mail from home. With lots of love to mother and sister." —Scientific American.

#### Ballinger Highs Entertained.

Ballinger football team met the usual fate of football aspirants here last Saturday when the local High school team trimmed them up 48 to what Fenian shot at. Comanche boys and some of the grown-ups were jubilant, and in the evening the High school Seniors entertained the visitors so royally that had any of them been bruised in the game they wouldn't have had a sore spot left. Com again Comanche is a repeater. —Comanche Vanguard.

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#### CIVIC LEAGUE TO INSPECT CITY

A committee from the civic league will make the rounds in a few days and inspect the streets, alleys and premises of the city. The clean up campaign has been in progress for a couple of weeks, and while the work is not complete, the civic league hopes to be able to receive from the committee a most favorable report. On account of the scarcity of hands some of the families have postponed the work from time to time. The trash haulers are catching up with the work, and every one should try to have a clean alley by the time the ladies make the rounds. The alleys in the business district will also be inspected.

#### 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."

#### ARTICLES MADE FOR RED CROSS ARE NOT SOLD

The following statement has been issued by Harvey D. Gibson, General Manager of the American Red Cross:

"A story is being circulated to the effect that sweaters, socks, and other articles knitted for the Red Cross are being sold, either to the public in shops or direct to the soldiers. This is emphatically not true. No articles whatever, either knitted or otherwise, made by Red Cross workers and turned into any Red Cross Chapter, Branch or Auxiliary, or to any supply warehouse, are sold either to the soldiers or in shops.

"If any willful ease of this sort should come to the attention of headquarters, the Charter of the Red Cross Chapter or subsidiary sanctioning it would be immediately withdrawn with full publicity. Should it transpire that an actual instance of the above character occurred wherein an individual sold articles after having turned in to the Red Cross, such action would be clearly in violation of the fundamental law covering the Red Cross, and we would take vigorous steps to prosecute the offender.

"It is also true that any case of persons, other than those acquiring the right prior to January, 1905, using the name or emblem of the Red Cross to assist in the

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#### BAGS EIGHT POINT BUCK.

Rube Dunn, Earl Webb and Ernest Turner returned Saturday night from a trip to the game reservation near the Mexican border. They report an enjoyable week's outing and brought back one deer, and eight point black tail buck. Deer are plentiful in the mountains in the southwest part of the state, but the people are guarding them and will only allow hunters to kill the bucks.

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