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PEACE AIMS SMALL SAYS OFFICIAL

Berlin, Dec. 1.—"It is absurd to imagine that Germany will enter the peace conference with large aims," declared Minister Kuehlmann to the Reichstag today.

Count Von Rertling, the new German chancellor, also spoke before Reichstag. He said he hoped for a definite peace, and declared that Germany was ready for immediate peace negotiations as soon as the Russian government sent representatives having full powers to Berlin.

RUSSIA THREATENED WITH CIVIL WAR

Stockholm, Dec. 1.—Certain Russian provinces are on the verge of an anti-Bolsheviki revolt, according to a story brought here by a Minimalist courier direct from Petrograd. The Bolsheviki commissaries are resigning their positions, apprehensive of their own safety. The courier declares that a separate peace would mean a civil war that would extend over the entire Russian territory.

RED CROSS SENDS ANOTHER BUNDLE

The Runnels County chapter of the American Red Cross made another small shipment Saturday to the headquarters at St. Louis. This shipment consisted only of surgical dressings. This is the first shipment consisted only of surgical here, and while it was small, the amounts will be larger hereafter. In the bundle sent Saturday there were three hundred and ten dressings, of which a hundred and forty were large or double, and the remainder were small or single.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Pieratt, of Santa Anna, came up and spent Thanksgiving with their daughter, Mrs. J. B. Curry, and remained over for a two or three days visit.

GOVERNOR HOBBY CONGRATULATES US



Hon. Wm. P. Hobby.

The following telegram was received Saturday afternoon by County Judge O. L. Parish from Governor Hobby, coming immediately after the announcement that Runnels County had been freed of ticks, and that the quarantine line had been moved over from Runnels County:

Austin, Texas, Dec. 1.
O. L. Parish, County Judge,
Ballinger, Texas.

Allow me to congratulate you and the citizens of your county in the successful eradication of the cattle fever tick which affords great opportunities for improving the cattle industry in view of the national beef shortage. Your citizens are doing their best.

W. P. Hobby,
Governor of Texas.

LITTLE GIRL DIES NEAR HATCHEL

Mildred, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Henniger, of the Hatchell country, died Saturday morning, after an illness of several days. C. R. Crews was called out to make arrangements for the funeral and the remains were entered in the cemetery at Old Runnels at three o'clock Saturday afternoon. The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Henniger sympathize with them in their sorrow.

Mrs. J. A. Kelley came in from New Mexico Thursday evening, coming to attend the funeral of her step-father, E. D. Jackson.

British Lose More than Mile to Germans Near Cambrai

Sammy's Conduct Abroad Wins French Admiration

By Ed. L. Keen.
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Oct. 26. (By Mail).—Sammy is still straining at the lash. But he is beginning to understand why he hasn't yet been turned loose against the Hun. So are our good friends the French.

At first there was much disappointment, on the part of both the American soldiers and the French people, that our first contingents were not hurried along to the firing line as soon as they had comfortably shed their sealings.

Said Jacques: "Monsieur, you are mos' welcome; but you were much time coming. We have been fighting ver' hard three years. Perhaps, is it not so, now you—what you call—hustle some, to make the lost time?"

Answered Sammy: "Surest thing you know, Frenchy. You can't make it too soon for us. Only let us at 'em, and we'll show 'em quick enough what they're up against."

Both have been disillusioned. The Sammies sensed it first. It didn't take them very long to learn that they were densely ignorant of this new style European fighting game. When the French Chasseurs and the British non-coms from Aldeshot started to instruct them in the up-to-date tricks of the war trade, even the veteran doughboy began to suspect that he was only raw material after all.

And so, Sammy buckled down to hard work. Although he still grouches he appreciates now the reason for it all.

And the French people, too, are today viewing the situation in its larger aspects. As they have watched the comparatively small first contingents of the American army evolve with remarkable rapidity into modern fighting form, they become impressed with the idea that perhaps after all it would be better for these men to be used as the leaven of the great force now steadily assembling on French soil than to employ them on the front at once. Also, that America can perform greater service for France by sending to the front, when all is ready, a big, complete, fully-trained, adequately equipped, self-contained, self-reliant fighting unit, than to dissipate her strength and imperial her efforts by utilizing here and there smaller and less effective organizations.

The French know that the Germans will know the minute American troops reach the front, and that the meeting will be anything but a frolic for our boys. A single division, or even an army corps, might conceivably be cut to pieces if the Germans should determinedly concentrate against it, and then—we would have to start all over again.

Hence, both Sammy and Jacques have been curbing their impatience. So far as the "higher commands" are concerned—American, British, French, and Italian—a thorough understanding exists. One may not say when, where, or how America's first real blow will fall; but it is permissible to predict that it will not happen until we are so thoroughly prepared as to insure the most effective work possible for the Allies' and America's cause.

Meantime the pioneer American soldier in France is becoming a better soldier every day. Potentially he was a mighty fine soldier when he first landed—even, the rookie. You folks who knew him

at home would scarcely recognize him now, such has been the miracle wrought by the combination of British and French methods of intensive training—with Pershing improvements.

I saw in London, marching past Buckingham Palace, letting King George and his faithful subjects give him the once-over. Of sturdy framework but sallow skin and flabby muscles; much heavier than Tommy, but with slouching should Tommy but with slouching shoulders sloping his rifle according to his individual fancy; couldn't keep step even when the King was looking—especially to the bagpipe music, which perhaps shouldn't be charged up against him.

Today he is the best looking soldier in Europe—erect, well tanned, and splendidly muscled. If he doesn't prove to be the best in all respects it won't be for lack of self-assurance. That is a big asset in this war, but it has its possible dangers. Just as Tommy and Poilu had to learn respect for Fritz's ability as a soldier—although despising his methods—so Sammy will have to learn it, by experience.

But proud as you would be to see how Sammy has progressed in the profession of arms, you would be prouder still to know how exemplary has been his conduct. He had the admiration of the French people from the start. Now he has their love and confidence. With very rare exceptions—which by reason of the severity of the punishment inflicted are not likely to be repeated—his behavior toward his hosts has been exactly what you expected it would be.

Even a few days' visit in these American camps—if it were possible to tell you just where they are located you would see how nicely we have responded to French sentiment and tradition while at the same time securing a site most suitable to our training requirements—furnishes sufficient proof that your trust has been worthily placed.

From now on it is up to you—to see that the spirit back of the lines is maintained at as high a pitch as that of the men who are to do your fighting.

CURRY CASE ON TRIAL AT COLEMAN

(Coleman Democrat.)

In the case of the State of Texas vs. Ben F. Curry, charged with murder of Abe Dillingham, the State asked for a change of venue on the grounds that public sentiment and publicity of the purported facts of the case would preclude the state securing a fair and impartial trial of the case in Coleman county. After hearing the evidence of some thirty or forty representative citizens from various portions of the county, Judge C. E. DuBois of San Angelo, who is presiding over the court, ruled against the state.

A jury was secured Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock after the court had exhausted the special venire of 108 men and 60 talesmen, many of whom were not tested but were excused for various reasons.

Rev. W. O. Self and family arrived in Ballinger Friday night, coming here from Waco and are getting moved into their home. Rev. Self will preach at the Nazarene church Sunday.

Tanks Regain Part of Territory Lost

With the British Armies in France, Dec. 1.—The German armies launched a strong attack along a nine mile front near Cambrai today. The British resisted with notably terrific fighting. At one time the Germans forced the British back two miles. General Byng called the tanks into action,

and the Germans were forced back for some distance. They were thrown back from their furthest gains with bloody losses, and as this dispatch is being sent, the German advance does not stand more than twenty-five hundred yards from their original positions.

London, Dec. 1.—An official report this morning says that the Germans had apparently given up hope of wresting back the British gains around Cambrai. No attempts were made to renew the attacks on this front last night.

London, Nov. 30.—The official statement issued tonight follows:

"At 8 o'clock this morning, after a heavy bombardment, the enemy attacked with strong forces on a wide front south of Cambrai between Vez, Chauvil and Creve Coeur Buerle court. Shortly afterward heavy attacks also developed against our positions west of Cambrai, in the neighborhood of Bourlelon wood and Mouvres.

"From Masnieres to Mouvres all the enemy's attacks have been repulsed after many hours of heavy fighting during which great loss was inflicted on the attacking German infantry by our artillery and machine gun fire.

"South of Masnieres village, from the neighborhood of Bonavia to Villeres Guislain, the enemy succeeded in entering our positions at different points and penetrated as far as Lavaquire and Gouzeaucourt. Our counter attacks have already regained Lavaquire and we have driven back the enemy from Gouzeaucourt and the ridge to the east of there. At other points the enemy's advance has been checked.

HE "PUSHED" OFF.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Among the idiomatic terms adopted by United States Marines everywhere the expression "shove off" is used more frequently than any other. In the sea-soldier lingo, if a Marine goes home on furlough, leaves his camp or garrison, or goes anywhere, he "shoves off."

A story comes from France of a Marine who had been acting as orderly for a lieutenant. The officer sent him on an errand and when he returned the lieutenant was nowhere about. A poilu, who happened to be loitering in the vicinity, was questioned by the Marine:

"Have you seen the lieutenant?"

"Oui, monsieur, oui," replied the poilu, proud of his newly-acquired Marine Corps English, "he have—what you call—pushed over."

ANOTHER BALLINGER BOY GOES TO FRANCE

P. K. Laxton received a letter Saturday morning from his son, Seth, saying that he was on his way to France. The letter was written something over a week ago, and in all probability he is already in France. Seth enlisted in the navy last fall and since that time had been driving a government truck in Chicago. He thinks he will continue the same work on French soil.

AUSTRIA IS READY FOR PEACE

London, Dec. 1.—Austria has informed the Bolsheviki government that she is prepared to negotiate an immediate armistice and a general peace without territorial or economic violations, as proposed by the Russian government. Premier Seidler made this announcement before the Austrian parliament.

SCANDINAVIANS MAKE AGREE ON NEUTRALITY

Christiana, Dec. 1.—A new neutrality agreement has just been entered into by Denmark, Norway and Sweden here today.

Boyd Bailey returned to Brownwood Saturday.

E. L. Rasbury was in Talpa Saturday on business.

Rev. D. W. Arnett

Professor of Science in Simmons College

Will Speak at

11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.

Sunday, December 2nd

at the

Ninth Street Baptist Church

You are Invited To Hear Him.

Sunday School 9:45

We welcome you at our Sunday School.

Fathers and Mothers Day

at First Baptist Sunday School

You are urged to be present We need you—come with the children

Sunday Morning 9:45

We are Depending On You.

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W. Riedge Editor

RUSSIA.

The Russian revolution is not thinking politics as we understand politics. Broadly speaking it does not care a rap for politics. Eighty per cent of it is peasant; and, while provisional government and soviets at Petrograd have been fighting and fulminating, the peasants over a large part of Russia have simply taken possession of the land. There is no strictly formulated program about it; no enactment; hardly a scrap of paper. With no force whatever, to oppose them, they have simply taken possession; and they mean to keep possession.

Just how legal title is going to be fixed up, what the constitution is going to say about it, or whether there is any constitution or not, interests very little. Not one in five of them can read; so what anybody is going to write down or have printed in a statute book up at Petrograd concerns them very little. Their interest is not in any political theories or abstractions, but in the very simple, concrete fact of possessing so many acres of land.

City workmen, who are mostly peasants, at one remove took possession of factories in the same simple, direct fashion. With very



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little violence, and usually with much good nature, a committee of workmen notified the proprietor that hereafter they would run the shop—which they did.

The live question now is not what sort of a document a constitutional assembly shall produce; but whether the industrial organization of the country can be kept going. Of course, it can not be under these conditions. Three-hour and four-hour working days in revolutionized factories are showing results in the way of scarcity of boots, coats and implements for the peasants. The live question for the revolution now is not what the workmen's councils resolve, but whether the workmen work. —Saturday Evening Post.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.
This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicine for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take, which is important when medicine must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

THE KAISER'S APPEAL.

Oh Gott, mine heavenly partner,
Who made my divine right,
I guess, perhaps, I need some help
To carry on my fight.
I dink I vip dem all alone,
Ven I start up dis row;
But maybe I make some mistake
—at least it looks so now.
Mid jeetle Belgium und France,
Der Russ und Johnny Bull,
Mit Idaly to help de mout.
I haf my hands quite full.
But I start out my submarines
And dink dey vin de day,
Den dat old chap called "Uncle
Sam" say he don't like my way.
He talk vid me across the sea—
He write me plendy notes.
He says I petter stop at game
Of blowing up his boats.
But I shust keep on sinking them,
Tho I knew of course he is right
Und now he show big symptoms
That he ain't too proud to fight.
Mine submarines and airships
Are both of his invention,
Und don't know vat else he's got
or vat is his intention;

I know his men are serappers
Und I know he's got the cash,
Und I'm fraid he's got oder tings
Vat settle up mine hash.
He's got a lot of farmers
Vat grow a lot of grains—
He's got a lot of older men
Who have got a lot of brains;
Dere's dat man dey call Edison,
Vat makes be somehous feel
Perhaps he make something yat
Makes me aueh-ge-speil.
You know, Gott, I been square
Mit you, wherever I may be;
I've always gif you credit
Of being most as big as me—
But den, you know I never mean
One-half re tings I say—
Either in German treaties,
Or ven I pretend to pray.

"Gee, I Wish I Had a Smoke"

That's what our boys are saying who are "over there" and fighting for you so that this world may be a better place for you to live in. Will you supply your soldier friend with his favorite smoke and satisfy his longing? He is doing his bit—will you do yours? Sending tobacco to our boys is almost as important as rolling bandages or producing munitions, as far as their comfort is concerned.



The Ballinger Ledger's Tobacco Fund

has just been started, to supply our boys with their favorite smoke. Will



you help to make it a success? This has been endorsed by the Government. Through the efforts of this paper, arrangements have been made with a tobacco company to send 45c worth of tobacco for 25c.

Send All Contributions to this Paper

Here is what they will get:

- 2 packages of Lucky Strike Cigarettes, Retail at 20c
- 3 packages of Bull Durham Tobacco " 15c
- 3 books Bull Durham Cigarette papers " " 15c
- 1 tin of Tuxedo Tobacco, Retail at 10c
- 4 books of Tuxedo Cigarette Papers 45c

A return post card is enclosed in each package, so that every contributor will receive a personal acknowledgement of his gift. You will treasure this message from the trenches. Everybody wants to give a little. Will you help make it a success by doing your bit.

The Ballinger Ledger's Tobacco Fund

Grocery Headquarters
We handle only honest groceries of first quality. And in addition to that, we consider each customer a personal friend and treat him as such.
Reach for the phone this morning, and we'll deliver your order in time for lunch
L. B. Stubbs
Two Phones 93 and 94. Auto Delivery

Phone Us For Your **GROCERIES**
We're as close to you as your telephone and we give you the same personal, courteous service that you would get if you came to our store yourself. We have but one price to all.
Ring us up next time you're in a hurry for groceries of any kind and we'll deliver promptly.
Miller Mercantile Company
Phone 66 and 77

Und dere's one ting I'd speak
About least you too chesty grow
Cause you vipped dat oder devil
In the misty long ago.
Don't you tink you could dot do
Mit me—you'd try it all in vain
He did not have no Hindenburg's
Or Krupps or airplanes.
But vat I want of you is dis—
You lick den yankee men!
I'd do it and not bodder you,
If I 'ot dat I can;
I've had old Satin mid me
Since de time dis war began,
But i fear, perhaps, you heart
Is mid dem great American.
Now if you don't git busy, Gott,
I'll make you pay de price,
For I will send my Zeplins up
And capture paradise.
Vat I haf done in oder lands,
You surely know too well;
I guess, perhaps, I shust as soon
Turn heaven into hell.
—Clayton L. Baily, in the Milfred Center Ohioan.

How to Prevent Croup.
In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

AT YOUR SERVICE.
I am now back in Ballinger and would be glad to do your carpentering work, painting or repairing. Write or phone me. Tillie Carter. 24-11w 6tdpl

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 SLSE 41520 Alfalfa Hay shipped from Cameron, Okla., August 29th, 1917, by R. D. Turman & Co., or R. D. Treman & 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



A HELP TO SANTA CLAUS.
The Busy Bees will hold a Bazaar or Christmas sale at the home of Mrs. J. W. E. Meadows on Tuesday, December 5, 1917, at 1006 Eighth Street. All are invited to attend. 30-3td

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It's surprising how dressed up you can make your home look with just a few little touches here and there—the addition of a few new step-boards—a new fence—a new clap-board to take the place of that rotted old one. There are a hundred and one ways in which you can add to the appearance of your home by the use of our guaranteed and seasoned lumber. You'll find it a good investment to take care of these little things at once. For the longer you let them go the more expensive they become.
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The High Cost of Living
is a serious question these days. You can help solve this question by trading with us. Fresh Meats, prompt deliveries and courteous treatment is our motto. Phone 126
THE CASH MARKET
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Nothing Pleases Father and Mother More
on a frosty morning than a cup of delicious coffee.
If it is brewed in a **Hotpoint Percolator** it comes out just right.
Let us tell you the advantages of the electric percolator—Quicker—Better—Cheaper.
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TERRIBLY SWOLLEN

**Suffering Described As Torture
Believed by Black-Draught.**

Rossville, Ga.—Mrs. Kate Lee Able, of his place, writes: "My husband is an engineer, and once while lifting, he injured himself with a piece of heavy machinery across the abdomen. He was so sore he could not bear to press on himself at all, on chest or abdomen. He weighed 165 lbs., and fell off until he weighed 110 lbs., in two weeks.

He became constipated and it looked like he would die. We had three different doctors, yet with all their medicine, his bowels failed to act. He would turn up a ten-cent bottle of castor oil, and drink it two or three days in succession. He did this yet without result. We became desperate, he suffered so. He was swollen terribly. He told me his suffering could only be described as torture.

I sent and bought Theodor's Black-Draught. I made him take a big dose, and when it began to act he fainted, he was in such misery, but he got relief and began to mend at once. He got well, and we both feel he owes his life to Theodor's Black-Draught."

Theodor's Black-Draught will help you to keep fit, ready for the day's work. Try it!

Miss Vinita Boyd and Miss Celeste McMin are at home for a few days visiting their parents. They will return to Abilene the first of the week, where they are attending school.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

Boots and Shoes Made to Order.

We don't stop at shoe repairing. We make 'em from the sole up. Have expert boot and shoe maker on job. Place your order with us for boots or shoes. Practice economy by having your old ones repaired. H. L. Wendorf. dtf

**NEWSPAPER TALK
FROM GERMANY**

German newspapers reaching neutral points and later finding their way to Washington, show something of the food situation in Germany. The Committee of Public Information is sending out from Washington clippings from German newspapers and the following is a sample of those received at The Ledger office:

Failure of German Vegetable Crop
An account of the situation of the vegetable supply in Germany is given in the Deutsche Tageszeitung. The paper reads:

"The reports on this year's vegetable crop are for the most part quite hopeless, and one need not wonder if prices remain high. In the south and west of Germany a favorable condition of things is in general reported; but in the chief producing districts in north, east and middle Germany the prospect is very melancholy. Probably the worst reports are from Mecklenburg and Pomerania, where almost the majority of the cultivation contracts can not be carried out, or at least can be carried out only to a small extent. In certain parts of Silesia and Brandenburg, where thunderstorms occurred at the right time, a medium harvest may perhaps be obtained."

Bremen's Milk Supply Short.

The Bremen Burger-Zeitung announces that owing to the steady decrease in the supply of skim and butter milk to Bremen even households of two to four persons can now receive only one delivery of 1 1/2 liters per week.

Egg Rations in Breslau.

The Schlesische Zeitung publishes an official communication from the municipal distributing office which states that the supply of eggs in Breslau has been so poor that in future only one egg per month can be supplied to the inhabitants.

Clothing Made of Paper.

It has not been found possible, says Das Deutsche Wollen-Gewerbe, to make paper textile fabrics sufficiently supple for extensive use in the clothing industry. The difficulty consists in making the textiles supple without correspondingly diminishing their tenacity. Alkaline substances which give good results in regard to pliability unfortunately affect the

tenacity of the paper yarns in an unsatisfactory manner.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.

After you have taken Hall's Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

**COLEMAN COUNTY
GETS ROAD MONEY**

Those who have been inclined to poke fun at Coleman county citizens for their slowness in road matters, should read the following and then think a little. Rummels county voted special road tax and was boosting for good roads before Coleman county blasted the right-of-way, and we are at a loss to know why Coleman can get in on the hand out while Rummels patiently waits. Read the following from the Coleman Democrat:

The State Highway Commission before adjourning its session at Austin last Thursday, approved \$50,000 federal and state aid for road construction in Coleman county; thanks to the commission and to Hon. Henry Sackett, who interested himself in the county's behalf.

Federal aid is obtainable only on post-roads, or roads over which rural or star-route mail is carried. The government proposing to spend one dollar for every dollar expended by the county; while state aid is limited to one-fourth the cost of construction.

It should be borne in mind that before any Federal or State funds are procurable a profile of the roads to be built must be made by a competent road engineer. When this is done, the specifications are

submitted to the department in Washington and, if approved, the funds are immediately advanced to the county as used or needed.

HAY

I have for sale 45 cars of good peanut hay. Wire or write Geo. Carter, Gorman, Texas.
28-642tw-pd

**FOOD TRAINING CAMP
FOR LIVESTOCK MEN**

Chicago, Dec. 1.—America's "food training camp opened here today.

That is the title applied this year to the International Livestock Exposition, because of its importance in educating farmers and stock growers in more extensive and economical production of meat animals.

The exposition this year is the biggest in its history—so big it has outgrown its usual quarters and overflowed from the main amphitheater at the Union stockyards into Dexter Park pavilion.

Nearly 5,000 pure-bred cattle, hogs and sheep are on exhibition. They come from every state in the union and from many parts of Canada. Illinois and Iowa head the entry list. There are no European exhibits this year, because of the submarine menace.

The exposition this year comes at a time when the government, through the food administration, is seeking to encourage farmers to greater meat production by assuring them a fair minimum hog price, based on the market value of their feed corn.

No small factor in this increased production will be the employment of pure bred animals, together with expert knowledge in the care and breeding of these. course in this, commensurate with the education of army officers in military training camps.

Food administration officials, packers, commission agents and producers will get together informally at this big meeting and give each other the benefits of their combined knowledge of meat conditions.

The exposition will close Dec. 8th.

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

Children Cry for Fletcher's



The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

ed and apparently a desperado, had robbed a San Saba county home and afterwards fired three times at the owner of the house. Poses from three counties took up the chase, but the heavy rain of Wednesday night wiped out all traces of the fugitive and reports that he had been seen at various places could not be verified.

The theory of local officers is that a man, probably a hunter, with a streak of "bad man" in his make-up, started a career that soon failed in its attractiveness to him, and that he took advantage of the rain of Wednesday night to make his getaway and end off his desperado habitations. At any rate, the woods south of here were beaten thoroughly and he could not be located.

Mrs. E. R. Walker left Friday afternoon for Garden City, where she will visit her daughter for a while.



We have several head of good young broke mules that we want to trade or sell. Write Box 328, Pecos, Texas. 3td

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OFFICE WITH BENNETT ABSTRACT COMPANY

T. J. Gardner, Mgr.

R. Mines left Friday afternoon for Brownwood on business.

Father Goldbach was in Rowena Friday.

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AND CO.**

The Government of the United States! Do you think of it merely as some great big machine up in Washington that levies taxes and puts up a good deal of money keeping its machinery moving? If you do you are wrong.

The United States Government is a business corporation run for the good of the citizens, who are its shareholders. Its head office is at Washington. You and I hired some of the cleverest men we could find to run this business for us. Now, when you hire a man to do a big job for you you must give him your support, in both money and good feeling. You know what it would mean if you were to hire a man to run your farm, or your store, and then sent amongst your neighbors crumpling about him and "cussing" him. Would you get good results? Would the business be a success?

These fellows that we have hired to work for us in Washington are real human beings. Take our President. Read some of his speeches. Read what people say who have talked with him constantly. They will tell you that he is the most human of men, with a great big sympathy for everyone, whatever his position in life. By the way, the President is a Southerner. Take the Secretary of the Treasury, too, who is asking you to buy Bonds—a boy from Georgia, growing up among the people of the South, having to work hard at an early age for a living, he studied law and became a lawyer whom everybody trusted because he was straight. He knows just as much of your conditions and is just as much your friend today as he was when he was a lawyer in a country town.

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Quit "cussing" the government, if you ever did this, and shake hands with our "boss foremen," good fellows, every one of them.

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Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

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**OFFICERS SEARCH
FOR DESPERADO**

(Brown wood Bulletin.) A continued search of the southern part of this county and the territory in other counties adjacent to Brown county, continuing through Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, failed to reveal the identity or whereabouts of the "wild man" or desperado who was reported to be terrorizing that section of the country.

Brown county officers aided officers of Mills and San Saba counties in a search for the bad man, and followed several trails which were thought to have been made by him. All trace of the fugitive was lost, however, and the search has been given up.

The search was begun after it was reported to the sheriff of San Saba county that a man, well arm-



**FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF BALLINGER**

Nov. 20th, 1917

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$336,868.05
U. S. Bonds	26,500.00
Liberty Loan Bond	10,000.00
Banking House, F. and F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,900.00
Acceptances (Cotton)	87,602.92
Cash and Exchange	271,732.90
	\$761,603.87

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	69,016.33
Reserved for Taxes	1,500.00
Circulation	25,000.00
Deposits	566,087.54
	\$761,603.87

The above statement is correct. R. G. Erwin.

We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted to us, making it possible for us to render this most satisfactory statement.

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Modern day methods and conservative, old time safety are factors that govern in the management of this bank. Now, just as they always have—for progress.

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank is a commercial bank having the resources, connections and experiences necessary for the surer protection of its depositors interests. Successful commercial activity is largely dependent upon banking service and the co-operation of a strong bank is an important business asset. Capital, surplus and profits, \$110,900.00.



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Spartanburg, S. C.—"For nine years I suffered from backache, weakness, and irritability so I could hardly do my work. I tried many remedies but found no permanent relief. After taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I felt a great change for the better and am now well and strong so I have no trouble in doing my work. I hope every user of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will get as great relief as I did from its use."—Mrs. S. D. McADDER, 122 Dewey Ave., Spartanburg, S. C.

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Services Sunday morning at 11 and 7:15 in the evening. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

9th Street Baptist Church. Sunday School at 9:45. Preach-

ing at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. by Rev. D. W. Arnett of Simmons College. A cordial invitation to all.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

Corner Strong Ave. and Broadway. Services at 7:15 Saturday night, Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:15. Everybody

cordially invited to all of these services.

8th Street Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. A. W. Sledge Superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.

Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p. m.

You are invited to our services. A special welcome to strangers.

and visitors.

W. H. King, D. D. Minister in charge.

All Saints Church.

This being Advent Sunday, the beginning of the church year, all are urged to be present. Holy Communion and sermon at 11:00 a. m. Subject, "When the Son of Man Cometh, Shall he find Faith on the Earth?" Service and sermon at 7:15 p. m., same subject continued. All are cordially invited. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. W. T. Allan, D. D., Priest in Charge.

Methodist Church.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. A. K. Doss, Superintendent: Here you will find a graded Sunday School where there is a place for everybody.

Preaching both morning and evening by the pastor.

Subject 11:00 o'clock "A Communion Meditation—the Greatness of Love." Subject 7:15 p. m. "Blooming Others."

League 6:15. You will be welcomed with a glad hand to all these services.

J. B. Curry, Pastor.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them on and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hart, after a brief visit to Mr. Hart's sister, Mrs. J. G. Douglas, returned to their home Friday.

FREE GARDEN SEED FOR THOSE WHO ASK

November 23, 1917

Mr. A. W. Sledge, Editor Ledger, Ballinger, Tex. Dear Mr. Sledge:

Here I come with another request. If you deem it of interest to your readers, will you kindly publish this notice. Under regulations still existing here, and which thus far I have not yet been able to get changed, instead of same being properly distributed by the Agricultural Department, there has been allotted to me for distribution a number of packages of both garden and flower seed. Whether they are good, bad or indifferent I know not. These seed were paid for with the people's money, belong to the people, and do not come as a political gift from me; and I am not in favor of trying to gain influence or attempting to buy votes with them by sending them to my political friends, many of whom have gardens, do not want them, and would throw them away. Since they have been allotted to me, however, I am going to distribute them, but only to citizens who want them, and to all alike upon application, as long as they last. To save the people the inconvenience of writing and the expense of postage, I suggest that

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For more than a quarter of a century the price of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin has been 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. In spite of the greatly increased cost of manufacture, the formula, quality and price of this popular remedy for constipation and stomach ills will be maintained.

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all heads of families in each community, who want seed, sign their names and postoffice address to a community request, designating whether garden or flower seed is wanted, one package only to each family, and this document covering a whole community can be mailed to me with a single 3-cent stamp. Names and addresses must be written plainly. They don't amount to much, but as long as they last, all who want them are alike entitled to them. Thanking you for publication, I remain,

Sincerely your friend,
Thomas L. Blanton.

Daily Ledger Want Ads

WANTED

WANTED—Salesmen to carry our line of signs, calendars and novelties, everything for the advertiser, nothing omitted. Splendid offer to the right party. References required. Cannot afford to miss this opportunity. Write for particulars today. Mahon Novelty Co., Kouton, Ohio. 1-8 td.

WANTED—Middle-age lady for company and help for old lady, only one in family. Good home and reasonable pay. Phone 363. 30-d2t-dh

WANTED—Good men over the age of twenty-one wanted to work on Street cars. Good wages, steady employment. Address Beaumont Traction Co., Beaumont, Texas. 3td.

Want to trade Pecos Valley land, houses in Pecos City for farms, will pay difference in cash. What have you? Write Box 325 Pecos, Texas. 3td

MULES WANTED—See us before you sell. Street and Middleton. 28-3d

WANTED—Sacks of all sizes. Phone 63. Ludwig and Taylor.

FOR SALE

We have some of the best alfalfa and cotton land in Reeves county that we want to trade for Eastern land. What have you? Write Box 328, Pecos, Texas 3d

FOR SALE—Nice fresh young milch cow. W. O. Gross, Phone 6694. 27-6dt1tw.

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FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Four room cottage. Close in. C. W. Northington. 28-d3tw1t.

FOR RENT—or Sale—the Truly Hotel, Ballinger. E. Shepperd, agent.

FOR TRADE

Will trade clear Pecos Valley land for your farm and pay difference. Box 328, Pecos, Texas.

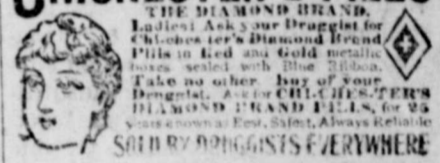
FOUND

FOUND—A piece of money. Owner identify and pay for this notice. C. R. Stephens. 30-2d

TRESPASS NOTICES.

Posted. My pasture on Mustang creek is posted. I warn all parties trespassing on said land for the purpose of hunting, fishing, or hauling wood to keep out. Mrs. Mary Spreen. 27-6td8w

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First National Bank

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

RESOURCES	
a. Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c)	\$ 424,479.97
U. S. BONDS: (Other than Liberty Bonds of 1917)	
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	25,000.00
c. U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	1,500.00
Total U. S. bonds (other than Liberty Bonds and certificates of indebtedness)	26,500.00
6. a. Liberty Loan Bonds, unpledged, 3-1-2 per cent and 4 per cent	10,000.00
b. Liberty Loan Bonds, pledged to secure U. S. and other deposits, 3-1-2 per cent and 4 per cent	10,000.00
9. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent subscription)	3,000.00
10. a. Value of banking house	20,000.00
b. Equity in banking house	5,000.00
11. Furniture and fixtures	38,373.30
13. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	
15. Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	229,307.82
16. Net amounts due from banks and bankers, and trust companies other than included in items 13, 14 and 15	612.29
18. Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than item 17)	1,112.48
19. Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	1,076.95
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	1,250.00
TOTAL	\$761,603.87

LIABILITIES	
24. Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
25. Surplus fund	30,000.00
26. a. Undivided profits	46,850.30
b. Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	7,840.03
27. Amount reserved for taxes, accrued	30,016.33
28. Circulating notes outstanding	25,000.00
29. Net amounts due to National banks	16,346.70
31. Net amounts due to banks and bankers, and trust companies (other than included in 30 or 31)	4,480.35
DEMAND DEPOSITS SUBJECT TO RESERVE:	525,513.13
deposits payable within 30 days:	
32. Individual deposits subject to check	1,774.40
33. Certified checks	400.00
36. Cashier's checks outstanding	922.05
Total demand deposits subject to Reserve, Items 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40	528,609.64
TIME DEPOSITS SUBJECT TO RESERVE (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice):	15,603.89
41. Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	1,037.90
43. Postal Savings Deposits	
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 41, 42, 43 and 44	16,641.79
TOTAL	\$761,603.87

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels, ss:
I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
R. G. ERWIN, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 1917.
JNO I. GUION, Notary Public.
(Seal)
CORRECT—ATTEST: D. M. Baker, J. McGregor, J. Y. Pearce, Directors.

RECAPITULATION	
RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts	Capital Stock
U. S. Bonds	Surplus & Undivided Profits
Liberty Loan Bond	Reserved for Taxes
Banking House, F and F	Circulation
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	Deposits
Acceptances (Cotton)	
Cash and Exchange	
\$761,603.87	\$761,603.87

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