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FRANCO-BRITISH TAKE OVER PIAVA RIVER FRONT

With the French Armies in Italy, Dec. 3.—The French and British armies are now on the firing line on the Italian front. The two new forces have taken over every important point on the entire Piava river front.

IRA THURMAN GOES TO ARMY

Ira Thurman will leave Tuesday afternoon for San Antonio, where he will take the examination for service in some branch of the army. He has not decided as yet what branch he will enter, but intends to serve Uncle Sam in some way.

WHO LEADS THE NATIONAL ARMY

Through the patriotic spirit of L. Cohen the people of this city will have an opportunity of seeing life in military training camps Wednesday night and matinee Wednesday afternoon, in the picture just released and entitled "Who Leads the National Army."

This picture is authorized by the war department and the entire proceeds from the sale of the film goes to the war cause. Mr. Cohen leases the film straight out, paying the regular price in addition to his other program, and if he does not get extra sale of tickets sufficient to cover the cost of the film it must come out of his own pockets.

The timely photoplay shows the selection and training of officers, who will command the armies and sent to France to keep this country safe for Democracy. The picture is said to be both entertaining and educating and one that every mother, father, sister or brother of a soldier should see.

The picture will be shown at both matinee and night in addition to the regular program for this date, and at the usual price, no advance being made in admission charges on account of the special film.

Lieut. Frank Pearce will be the four minute speaker Wednesday night, speaking on Military Training Life.

6000 MEN; 100 GUNS IS BERLIN CLAIM

Berlin, Dec. 3.—The war office announces the capture of six thousand prisoners and one hundred guns since November 30th, in the German drive out of Cambrai.

CHILD DROWNS IN TANK NEAR MAZELAND

The news of the drowning of the twenty-one months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, of the Mazeland community reached The Ledger last week, but we did not learn the particulars of the tragedy until Sunday.

Rev. Cornelius, of Ballinger, was called to Mazeland and on Sunday afternoon November 25th conducted the funeral services, the remains of the little boy being entered in the Norton cemetery.

The little baby boy was drowned Saturday November 24th, in a tank near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Patterson. The little fellow had only been out of the house a few minutes when it was missed and a member of the family rushed to the tank near the windmill to find the body of the child still in death. It is presumed that the child playfully crawled upon the bank of the tank and fell in the water within a few minutes after it left the house, and drowned before it was discovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have the sympathy of their friends in the sad hours brought upon them by the sudden taking away of their baby.

E. J. O'Kelley and son, Archie, returned home Monday from an extended trip through Mississippi and Tennessee, where they took several cars of horses.

Letters from Our Soldier Boys

ONE FROM CAMP TRAVIS.

Will undertake the hardest task that has been given me tonight. As I am a reporter for the Runnels County boys, that are in my Company, first, I wish to say that Company C has the best set of officers in my estimation that there is in Camp Travis, and am sure that the rest of the boys in Company C will agree with me. Also a fine jolly bunch of boys, I think, is in the Company. But of course, we get blessed out very often. But I am not the only one here that thinks he is doing things right and have it wrong. I have found out that there is many things to learn in the army. We new recruits, when called to attention, if a car passes by with some pretty girls in it, you can see the whole company begin to turn their heads this way, and that way, as if their heads were founded on hinges. They marched we boys down on the river this evening, and let us watch the officers practice shooting with the machine guns, and after a few shots were fired I looked around and saw a big private in the top of a tree. He was scared so bad he was holding on to the tree with all his grip, and singing, "Lord, Plant My Feet On Higher Ground." As I have not much news at this writing, will close, and try to do better next time.

Jesse Smith.

Selecting Men for Training Camp.

Major General Henry T. Allen, commanding the 90th Division, at Camp Travis, believes that the American soldier, if he knows the reason why, will respond to any call that can be made of him. While exacting that kind of discipline that must be had if the lives of the soldiers themselves are to be safeguarded, General Allen typifies in his every action Paragraph 3 of Army Regulations. This paragraph reads:

"Superiors are forbidden to injure those under their authority by tyrannical or capricious conduct or by abusive language. While maintaining discipline and the thorough performance of military duty, all officers in dealing with enlisted men, will bear in mind the absolute necessity of so treating them as to preserve their self respect. Officers will keep in a close touch as possible with the men under their command and will strive to build up such relations of confidence and sympathy as will insure the free approach of their men for counsel and assistance. This relationship may be gained and maintained without relaxation of the bonds of discipline and with great benefit to the service as a whole."

The question of selecting candidates to attend the next train-

ing school for officers has been receiving the most thorough consideration of the authorities at both Washington and at Camp Travis. Political influence, personal appeals and all those things that sway the civil population are thrown to the four winds in the plan that has been evoked. The question of what a man was, who was his father and the prominence of his wife's relative are all ignored. No stone is being left unturned to pick from the soldiers of the selected draft only those who have shown by their work since they have been in Camp Travis those elements of capacity and leadership that officers must have, and who, prior to coming into the National Army occupied, spheres of activity that would tend to make stronger these essentials. In other words, this war is not to be fought by soldiers led by accidents, but by soldiers led by officers who have gone through the mill, as it were, and have emerged therefrom with demonstrated fitness of their capacities to be officers in the American Army.

Just a suggestion to the Folks Back Home. Write to the soldiers now in the army, write often and write all sorts of gossip. True, the soldiers may not write home as often as they should, but then there is a sameness and such a grim reality in their lives here, that coupled with the tremendous amount of work they are doing with cheerful spirits, they sometimes procrastinate about writing until the days grow into weeks and the weeks roll into months before they are aware of it. But this does not mean that they do not delight to receive letters from their loved ones and relatives and their sweethearts. In fact those who know the soldiers best, believe that the sweethearts at home can well afford to do just a little flirting in their letters, if need be, to keep aroused the interests of the soldiers. If such a thing should hurt the conscience of these sweethearts, it can be stated with some room for the assertion, that flirting is a game that two can play at and both win—or lose.

If the fond fathers who think their names, (camouflage for army "Jim") or Henry (ditto for "Hank"), is without a bit of the boy in him, they should come to Camp Travis between 3:30 and 4:30 o'clock any week day afternoon, except Wednesdays and Saturdays. This hour is devoted to games and such games as the boys play would put to rest a case of mullygrubs of the worst kind. Everything from ring around the rosie to rat and tan, which is played with a piece of rope and a piece of anatomy and a running course, is indulged in. While called play.

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PRAYERS FOR VICTORY OPENS BOTH BRANCHES OF CONGRESS TODAY

Washington, Dec. 3.—The Sixty-fifth congress convened promptly at noon today. Both houses were opened with prayer in which prayers for victory were offered.

Favors War on Austria.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Senator Lodge will urge that America declare war on Austria. Senator Lodge came out unqualifiedly in favor of immediate declaration of war.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Secretary of Treasury McAdoo goes before congress today with his war fund budget and asks for more than thirteen and one-half billion dollars for war expenses. The budget of thirteen and one-half billion is for the year ending June 30, 1917.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Congress assembled today with war problems before it which probably will keep it in session until September or October. Leaders expect these results:

Declaration of war on Austria. New and more radical war profits' taxes.

War appropriations approximating \$20,000,000,000.

Action on proposed "dry" and woman suffrage amendments to the national constitution.

There is a general recognition that the session will be largely emergency in character, taking up war measures as events at the front develop. Many members favor the keeping the session until the end of the war or the constitutional life of the body ceases. The fact that all members must seek re-election next fall and wish to be in their districts acts, however, as a brake on this movement.

The Senate has a problem all its own—Lafollette. When the special war session adjourned, there seemed to be a general agreement to attempt to censure and not to expel him. The Wisconsin pacifist however, has given every indication of pushing the fight to a decision himself—the two alternatives being either that he is an expelled martyr or the vindicated victor. He confidently expects the latter result, counting on the Senate's strong free-speech convictions.

Three most powerful forces in the House—Reps. Kitchin, Fitzgerald and Speaker Clark—are committed to levies of 80 per cent of war profits. Sentiment is general that not only must all levies be increased but that new ways of raising money must be invented. High cost of food is working against proposed consumption taxes.

Declarations of war are possible against Bulgaria and Turkey as well as against Austria. Action on these matters will rest solely on recommendation from President Wilson.

Leaders, generally except the "dry" amendment to be successful, and the suffrage amendment to be benten. The carrying of New York has had two effects—it has shown the women's strength but also has given ammunition to those who argue that the cause can succeed in a state-by-state fight.

The dry amendment needs only to pass the House, the Senate having approved it in the extra session. If it is successful, three-fourths of the States must approve it within six years. Many "wets" have voted for it, thinking this impossible, and figuring all other dry proposals will be quiescent until a final decision on this one is reached.

Democrats are in safe control, having picked up one additional member in the special November elections.

U.S. TO KEEP SHIPS BUILT FOR ENEMY

Washington, Dec. 3.—Retention for America's greater merchant marine, after the war of all foreign ships commandeered while in construction in the United States yards, was announced by the shipping board in its report to congress today. This will give the United States for its marine service all the new vessels that was being constructed for the enemy when the war was declared.

LIEUTENANT BAUGH MARRIED SUNDAY

Judge A. K. Doss received a letter from his former partner, Judge J. H. Baugh, now Lieut. Baugh, Sunday in which Lieut. Baugh stated that he was leaving Camp Travis for Dilly, Texas, where he was going to get his bride.

According to the letter received here Lieut. Baugh and Miss Rose Moffett were married at the ranch home of the bride's parents in Frio county Sunday, Lieut. Baugh secured a furlough and went to Frio county Saturday, and after the wedding he was due to return to San Antonio with his bride, where they will make their home during Lieut. Baugh's stay at Camp Travis, where he is in service for his country, being stationed in the Depot Brigade as an enlistment officer.

Miss Moffett was a teacher in the Abilene schools last term, being English teacher for the schools of that city. Lieut. Baugh's frequent visits to Abilene during his stay in Ballinger and before he enlisted in the army, caused his friends here to grow suspicious, and the wedding is the happy culmination of what his friends had predicted.

Lieut. Baugh has many friends in Ballinger and throughout this county, where he has been practicing law for the past two or three years, who will wish for him every success possible.

PERFORMING GOOD SERVICE FOR GOVERNMENT

When the call came for thousands of extra clerks for Government duty, the Naval Reserve hit upon the plan of enrolling women as well as men as yeomen. The result has been the employment through this means of over eight hundred women clerks, mainly stenographers and typists.

Of this number about 370 are on duty in various bureaus of the Navy Department at Washington; about 170 are serving in the Navy Yard, while 300 more are scattered throughout the country in the naval districts. A few of these women serving in Philadelphia have attained the rank of chief yeowomen for expert service.

The report from the Navy Department is that the work of the yeowomen has been satisfactory in every respect. For the present the supply is meeting the Government's need except in a few exceptional cases where the qualifications of the applicant might prove of particular value in special work.

To Work Out Plans For Municipal Christmas Tree

Ballinger will give a Municipal Christmas Tree. That fact has been settled upon. Plans are forming, and it is now up to every Sunday school, or church, and every citizen, to join with the Civic League in making it a success. Of course it will be a success, even if a few do decline to help in the work and prove themselves to be slackers.

Mrs. Scott H. Mack has called upon all the churches who will assist in the work to have a representative—one or more, at meeting to be held at the home of T. S. Lankford Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock. At this time committees will be appointed, and the work outlined in detail.

It is the purpose of those behind the proposition to stage one of the most successful entertainments ever held in this city. The big tree will be planted on the court house square, or some other convenient place, and decorated

from bottom to top with things that will reflect the Christmas spirit. Old Santa will be on the job to make merry for the little folks, and a program carried out that will set a new pace for Holiday entertainment in this city.

Every Sunday school in the city has been called upon to co-operate. The plan will not necessarily interfere with the entertainment to be given by the various Sunday schools, as the Sunday schools can arrange an earlier or later date for their program and then throw in with the municipal tree in a way that make happiness for those who are not aligned with any Sunday school, but who might by the proposed plan draw them closer to the Sunday school and church life of this city.

All churches will please take notice and arrange to have representatives at the meeting to be held at the Lankford home Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock.

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E. W. Sledge Editor

Several prominent bird dogs are "stove up" today as a result of Sunday hunting. The quail season opened Saturday, and on account of the old town being overrun with business during this prosperous season, Sunday is being desecrated.

Those who have sons in the army camps should not become alarmed and suffer uneasiness because a few deaths occur in the camp. When you stop to think about it, the death rate is low for such a great number of people, each camp having about 40,000 soldiers. The rate is far below the cities of equal population.

The feed failure has taught the farmers and livestock men a lesson in feed conservation, and it is not necessary for Mr. Hoover to waste time along this line. If the average man would cut his eating down in proportion to the allowance being made for his livestock, Mr. Hoover's work would be completed in short order.

We are in receipt of a letter from a northern tourist seeking information about our roads, the tourist stating that he is planning an auto trip for himself and a number of others through this



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country. We want the tourists to come our way and leave some of his cash for the things tourists must buy, but unless we knew what day the party would arrive here and could arrange to be out of town, we are at a loss to know how to answer the letter. If we advise the gentleman to come this way, and some of his party should happen to an accident while crossing our "rattling good" bridges, we would be subject to negligent homicide charges. Some day the people of Runnels county are going to be forced to build safe bridges and concrete culverts, and we can't understand what is to be gained in the delay. It's time to do something.

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.

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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

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- 2 packages of Lucky Strike Cigarettes, Retail at 20c
- 3 packages of Bull Durham Tobacco " " 15c
- 3 books Bull Durham Cigarette papers " " 10c
- 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

LEFT FOR FORT SAM HOUSTON

Diaz Wood left Ballinger Sunday afternoon, going to Fort Sam Houston, where he expected to enlist in the regular army, and if he passes the examination, will become a member of the 21st Field Artillery Band. Other Ballinger boys are in this band.

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.

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 SLSF 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

Miss Virginia Wood returned to Rhome, Texas, Sunday, where she is teaching school.

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 6tdpd

COTTON GINNINGS BETTER THAN THIRD

Up to Nov. 14th 10,967 bales of cotton had been ginned in Runnels county, as compared with 28,785 up to the same date last year. This figures a little better than one-third of last year's crop, but it is estimated that the cotton is all in, and the final report will not show one-third as much as was ginned last year.



Miss Zula McKay left Sunday afternoon, for Waco, where she goes to attend Hills Business College.

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.
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ONE DOZEN FOOT BALL PLAYERS KILLED

Football, the roughest of American outdoor sports, exacted a total of 12 victims during the 1917 season, which ended with Thanksgiving day games, according to reports to the Associated Press today. The number was six less than 1916 and four less than two years ago. In 1914 there were 15 deaths.

Defenders of the game pointed to the fact that not a fatality nor a serious injury occurred in the big universities and colleges where the game is conducted under expert physical direction. All of the victims, with one exception, were either high school students or players, who with little or no training, participated in semi-professional games. A majority of the cases showed that the players entered the game without proper knowledge of it, and without proper physical condition for so rough a sport.

The open style of play, instead of the smashing game which rapidly is being discarded, has eliminated much of the danger, in the opinion of Fred L. Murphy, a former Yale star, now coach at Northwestern University. The players, he said, also are better protected through improved heavily padded uniforms and head-gears.

Of the number killed two were Texas high school boys, Guy Henry, age 18, of Athens, Texas, who died from internal injuries, and Thomas Ryan, of Alarado, Texas, who lived four days after being injured in a game.

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John Billie Wade, of Paint Rock was here Sunday en route to Coleman to attend court.

Diek Treckert is back in Ballinger, after staying for some time in Houston.

H. M. Josey has just returned from Fort Worth, where he had been for a few weeks.

Mrs. N. J. Allen returned Monday, from a visit to relatives at Uvalde.

TWO BILLION DOLLAR THRIFT CAMPAIGN ON

Washington, Dec. 3.—Uncle Sam today set in motion another great "win-the-war" money campaign to catch the nation's vagabond 25-pieces. It was the formal launching of the new \$2,000,000,000 War Savings Certificates plan.

If you have a quarter you don't know what to do with today—or on any day during the next year—drop into a post office, or your bank, or even some department store or railroad station in your town, and buy a "Thrift Stamp."

Take it home as a nest egg, and "watch it grow." When you get 16 of them, go back to the post office and cash them in for a "War-Savings Certificate Stamp." Then you have something which cost you \$4.12; and which you can cash in five years hence—when your money has helped whip the Boche—for exactly \$5.00.

To help you save the Thrift Stamps, the post office will furnish you free with a "Thrift Card" bearing 16 alluring spaces for the 25 cent stamps.

If you want to buy War Savings Certificate Stamp outright, it will cost you \$4.12 during December and January, with a penny a month, added until the close of the offer at the end of 1918.

With the first War Savings Certificate Stamp, you will be given another enticing card with twenty blanks. This when filled in gives you a full-fledged War Savings Certificate, the total cost of which is \$82.40 (with a penny a month per stamp added after January, 1918), and which is redeemable on January 1, 1923 for a full \$100.

What makes this plan of lending your spare change to the government even more attractive, is the 10-hole offered of getting rid of the stamps or certificates—at a profit—if you get in a pinch for money. At any time, on ten-days written notice, they will be taken in, and three per cent interest additional paid.

To emphasize it's the small cash that's wanted, the government will refuse to issue more than \$100 worth of stamps at one time, or allow any one person to hold more than \$1,000 worth.

The greater part of the funds obtained under the plan will be spent within the borders of the United States.

Miss Bernice returned to her home in San Angelo Monday, after spending a short time here visiting Mrs. C. A. Doose.

YOU AND I 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 sets up a good deal of money keeping its machinery moving? If you to 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 vent about amongst your neighbors trumbling 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.

These people need your support in the biggest job that any men ever tackled. They want your friendship, your good will.

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

CALLED TO BEDSIDE OF SOLDIER SON

Mrs. A. J. Thomas and daughter are in Fort Worth, where they went to be at the bedside of their son and brother, Leon, who is reported to be very low with pneumonia in Camp Bowie. So far this is the first one of the Runnels county boys to become seriously ill since being called into service.

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.

County Attorney S. C. Harris went to Miles Monday on legal business.

J. W. Payne, of the Crews country, was among those here on business Monday.

R. T. Trail, of Paint Rock, passed through Ballinger Sunday, en route to Dallas where he goes to attend a state meeting of the county chairmen for the war saving certificate campaign.

At the Front

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AFTER 48 YEAR'S DELAY BEAUMONT COUPLE WED

Beaumont, Texas, Dec. 1.—A wedding that had been delayed for 48 years was performed by Rev. Fred Clark, pastor of the Park Street Baptist Church, when he united in matrimony H. S. Humble and Mrs. Hattie Rollins yesterday. Mrs. Rollins prepared a wedding dress to marry Mr. Humble 48 years ago, but some cruel turn of fate turned them into diverging paths. Mr. Humble has been married twice, but both being widowed at this time, they finally made the long delayed union. They will reside at the bride's home, 805 Highland Avenue.

Grange, Sunday afternoon, after a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Q. V. Milled. Mrs. Miller and little baby accompanied them home.

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

Rev. A. T. Douglas of Abilene was in Ballinger Sunday, preaching at the Ninth Street Baptist church.

J. A. Freeman and family left Monday for Brownwood. Mrs. Freeman and children will visit in Brownwood a while, and Mr. Freeman will return here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. von Rosenburg returned to their home at Law-Jewell Cunningham is in this city visiting relatives.

STATEMENT of Condition

...THE...
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.

THIS WEEK, NERVOUS WOMAN TOOK VINOL

It Made Her Strong and Well

Barneveld, Wis.—"I was in a weak, nervous, run-down, anaemic condition, so that my housework was a burden. Vinol was recommended, and it made me well and strong. It is certainly the best tonic and strength creator I have ever taken."

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J. Y. Pearce Drug Co., City Drug Store, Ballinger, and the best drug store in every town and city in the country.

Diaz Wood left Sunday afternoon for San Antonio, where he will join the twenty-first Field Artillery Band.



If you are in need of anything in the loose leaf line telephone 27 and call for the job man.

HAY

I have for sale 45 cars of good peanut hay. Wire or write Geo. Carter, Gorman, Texas.

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CHANCE TO SAVE HALF MILLION

C. A. Dosse, recently appointed county chairman for the war saving stamp campaign, was called to Dallas Sunday where a meeting of the county chairman will be held and the campaign launched. The Dallas News in commenting on the work says:

"The task of raising \$91,000,000, Texas' quota of the \$2,000,000,000 to be poured into the Federal Treasury through the sale of war savings certificates and stamps, went forward a notch yesterday when 165 men in as many Texas counties telegraphed Louis Lipsitz, State director, that they would serve the Government as chairman of the respective subdivisions. Less than one-third of the 200-odd counties in the State remain to be heard from, and it is believed that every county will have an official chairman by tonight or Sunday at the latest.

"To explain what the Government expects of them in the sale of war savings certificates and stamps, county chairmen have been asked to assemble in Dallas Monday. The meeting will be held at the Adolphus Hotel at 10 o'clock. There Mr. Lipsitz will outline the plan of campaign. The Texas quota, apparently small when it is compared with the national quota of \$2,000,000,000, looms large when it is pointed out that the amount the Government expected of the entire Eleventh Federal Reserve District on the first and second issues of the Liberty loan was \$121,000,000. The amount to be raised in this State is in excess of the district's quota in either the first or second issue, which were \$45,000,000 and 75,000,000, respectively."

Runnels County's quota has been fixed at a little more than

\$600,000 and we have been called to this much during 1918. The investment represents a clean saving, with interest to the people of this county. The man, woman or child who can buy one or more stamps each month and sticks them on his savings certificate, will soon have a \$100 certificate, which represents a cost of considerable less than \$100, as the interest is compounded quarterly at the rate of four per cent, and the certificate is free from taxes.

Savings certificates and stamps will be handled by all postoffices, incorporated banks and trust companies and a number of stores. Mr. Lipsitz plans to make "saving as easy as spending." The stamps will be on sale at the postoffice, beginning Monday.

The certificate itself is about 8x10 inches in size; on it there are places for twenty stamps. Each stamp sells for \$4.20 during December and January; commencing with February 1st is added to the cost of the stamp each month until the campaign closes December 31, 1918. The certificate itself costs nothing, it is given to the purchaser when a saving stamp is bought; in other words, the certificate is merely "something to stick the stamps onto" as one of the officers of the campaign explained it. If twenty stamps are placed on the certificate, it will be redeemed by the Government for \$100 Jan 1, 1923. This is equivalent to 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly, paid by the Government.

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 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.

NOTICE ON ANNUAL EXHIBIT IN ESTATES.

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 twenty 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 Frank Block, Deceased.

Frank Block, Executor of said Estate, has filed in the County Court of Runnels County, Texas, an Annual Exhibit of said Estate for the year ending on the 1st day of Sept. 1917, which will be heard by our said County Court on the first Monday in February 1918, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the Court House of said County, in Ballinger, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said Exhibit, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail 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.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger this, the 24th day of November 1917.

W. C. McCARVER, Clerk County Court, Runnels County, Texas.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

THE MEDICAL OPINION. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Pills and find relief from all ailments connected with the system. Take one or more pills of these pills, and you will find relief from all ailments connected with the system. Sold by Druggists Everywhere.

S. D. Williams of Hatchell left Monday for San Angelo to spend a few days.

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HOW MONEY GOES ROUND IN A CIRCLE

"There won't be any money left in the country if they keep on asking for these loans."

How many times do you hear such a remark made about the Liberty Loan? Perhaps you may have even thought something of the sort yourself.

To a man not used to finance the thought is a very natural one. Let us think this thing out.

In the first place, practically all of the money subscribed to the Liberty Loans stays right here in the country, and a good deal of it stays right in the locality from which it is originally subscribed. So this talk about "draining the country," and about there "being no money left in the country," is sheer nonsense.

Let us see how this works out. We will suppose that you are a farmer, or cotton grower, that you have purchased a Liberty Bond and you are paying by installments spread over several months. Now, until the government actually needs your money it leaves it on deposit at some local bank which is acting as a government depository—maybe your own bank.

Now, by the time you have paid the LAST installment on your Bond, it is quite likely that the money paid in as your FIRST installment has been used by the government to pay for your own cotton or grain, and you will be returning this very same money to the bank to be placed once again to your account, or to apply on your purchase of another Liberty Bond.

"But," you say, "how about these millions and millions of dollars loaned to our allies? Does not this money go out of the country?" It does not. Practically all of the money which goes to our allies is lent with the clear understanding that it is to be used for the purchase of goods in this country. Thus you will see that seldom do we actually loan our allies any money at all, but we loan them goods which you produce and for which you are paid in subscribing to the LIBERTY LOAN YOU ARE PRACTICALLY PUTTING CAPITAL INTO YOUR OWN BUSINESS.

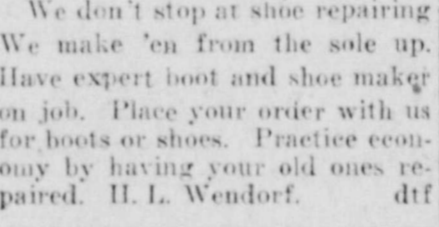
Fears have been expressed by some that the government of this country will place such enormous taxation on the public that it will be almost equivalent to taking their capital and their savings from them. The government of this country desires above all things that you keep your capital and keep it working. It wants your cotton and it wants your foodstuffs and is not foolish enough to take away the capital which you need to run your business. This would be "killing the goose that lays the golden egg." The government wants you to get richer so that you may be in a position to lend some of your increased wealth to carry on the war.

For its own good, the government is trying to make you richer wealthier than ever you were before.

Have you any "kick coming?"

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LIVES OF THE STARS Edith Storey



Born in New York City. Started on the stage at the age of eight with Eleanor Robinson in "Audrey." Played in "The Little Princess" and in the original cast of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." Miss Storey engaged in motion pictures when she was about to commence a second season in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm." She is a noted athlete.

Miss Storey joined the Vitagraph forces, where she played in such productions as "The Secret Runner," "An Enemy to the King," "Money Magic," "The Captain of the Gray Horse Troop," "The Magnificent Meddler," "Captain Sunlight," "Mr. Aladdin from Broadway," "The Long Fight," "The Tarantula," and other notable productions. She is now working under the Metro banner.

Miss Storey has seen this sketch and approves it with her signature.

Earth Storey

Letters From Our Soldiers Boys

(Continued from First Page.)

these games all assist in making supple the muscles, quicken the eye and keen the brain and heart for the work that is just ahead of the soldiers at Camp Travis. Anything that will cause a soldier to be just a fifth of a second quicker than the soldier he is warring with is invaluable. The first second may not be so important in a man's life, but its that last fifth of a second that counts big with a soldier in actual warfare.

Corp. Elmer C. Allison, with Company "A" 315th Field Signal Battalion, located at Camp Travis, Texas has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. Company "A" is the wadio or wireless company of the Battalion. Sergeant Allison is the canteen steward of the battalion.

Roscoe H. Stocks has been on duty at Brigade headquarters, but is back with his Company now.

Barton Wells has been recommended for a Private First Class from Ambulance Co. 360. His knowledge of medicine will surely carry him up to the top in our Company.

Chas. N. Sisson, Co. C, 315 Engrs, is on the rifle range this week, splitting the air with Enfield pellets and slaying the Dutch, ala Theory.

S. C. Rogers of Battery F, 345 Field Artillery, stationed at Camp Travis, Texas, has recently been made a corporal in that organization. This is an office of responsibility and a distinction of the receiver. Especially at this early date after enlistment, The National Army, unlike the Regulars, has not a set of trained non-commissioned officers to serve as a nucleus, or frame-work, upon which to build, and by which to train the recruits. The commanding officers are therefore under the necessity of making non-commissioned officers out of those who show exceptional ability in their work. Mr. Rogers is one of those who has shown this exceptional fitness.

Private Sam A. Rogers is from Runnels County and is in Co. "A" 345th Machine Gun Bn.

The men from Runnels county assigned to this organization are a set of men that should reflect credit on that county in the present war.

This organization is noted for its athletics and the athletic sports are enjoyed by all. Part of the drill each day is taken up by exercises that tend to develop every part of the body, and are of such a nature that this part of the days program is looked forward to as a kind of recreation.

There is a large program of athletics for the division on Thanksgiving Day in which this organization will participate. Some of the sports will be running, jumping, rescue races, horse racing, etc.

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Corp. James left Saturday, returning to San Antonio, after spending a few days here on a furlough. Mrs. James accompanied him as far as Brownwood, returning here Monday.

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Charter No. 3533 Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank

at Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, on November 30, 1917.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Includes items like U. S. Bonds, Loans and discounts, Capital stock, and Surplus fund.

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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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 1917. (Seal) JNO. I. GUION, Notary Public. CORRECT—ATTEST: D. M. Baker, J. McGregor, J. Y. Pearce, Directors.

RECAPITULATION

Summary table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Totals are \$761,603.87 for both.

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