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## HALL HARDWARE COMPANY

# Wilson Asks Congress to Declare War On All Allies of Germany

## AMERICANS IN ACTION NEAR CAMBRAI FRONT

With the British Armies, Dec. 4.—American engineers are again in action with the British on the firing line. Americans are taking a big hand in the fighting and successful repulsing of the Germans around Cambrai.

### German Attacks Weaken.

London, Dec. 4.—Gen. Haig's reports to the London war office today indicate cessation of the almost continuous German counter attacks of the past few days in the Cambrai sector. The British, aided by American forces, have held successfully lines gained around Cambrai.

### SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS.

Miss Mary Parker returned home Sunday from a few days visit in Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Collier, of Truitt, visited Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Rushing last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Eubank, of near Winters, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eubank.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Watson visited their daughter, Mrs. Frank Booth, who lives near Crews, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Maydell Rushing, who is teaching school near Winters, visited home folks a few hours Sunday.

Miss Emmie Pagels, who had been visiting in Rowena, has returned home.

Miss Ida Ray Cockrell entertained a few of her friends last Thursday night. All report a pleasant time.

W. E. Branch, who has been very sick the past two or three weeks, is able to be up.

Rev. T. E. Prescott of Abilene was in Ballinger Tuesday between trains.

## 500 POLLS PAID TO DECEMBER 1ST

Tax collections were perhaps never as much on the drag as they have been for the present tax paying season. This is the case with city, school, county and state. Tax payers of this county must come regularly for the remaining two months of the tax paying time if the delinquents are kept down within the usual amount, and the city, school and county expenses kept up.

Tax collector Chastain reports that up to December 1st he had collected a little better than \$23,000, while only 503 polls had been paid. This amount is expected to be increased this week, as the collector is due to be in Winters next Saturday, where many in that section of the county are waiting to pay at that place.

In view of the fact that next year is campaign year, and there will be much doing in politics, it is expected that the poll tax payments will be good at the eleventh hour, but as under the new rule the tax collector is not allowed to issue receipts on orders after twelve o'clock on January 31st, those who put off paying until the last minute may find themselves crowded out. Such has been the case with some in the past. After this date a poll tax is still an obligation and must be paid when the tax payer goes to pay his other taxes, but it is worthless when it comes to voting, and on the tax bill a ten per cent penalty is added after Jan. 31.

Mrs. D. Y. Snodgrass of Coleman arrived in this city Tuesday at noon, and will be the guest of Mrs. Jno. Weeks for a few days.

## Laymen Drafted For Questionnaire Work

The registrants of this county, and those subject to call to the army, will face the task of making answers to questions that in some cases will be rather difficult for them to do. This work will begin on December 15th when the local exemption board will mail out daily questionnaires to five per cent of the total number of registrants and mail out blanks each day until each registrant has been supplied with the proper blank.

In order to assist the registrants in properly filling out the blank, the war department has appointed a legal advisory board for each county in the state. This board for Runnels county is composed of Judge A. K. Doss, chairman; Judge Jno. I. Guion and C. H. Willingham. These gentlemen met this week and organized for the work.

The advisory board perfected its plan of work by mobilizing other attorneys and laymen to assist them, and these are as follows: Ballinger: T. T. Crosson and O. L. Parish, attorneys; E. D. Walker, Scott H. Mack and L. Cohen, laymen.

## BIG OIL DEALS SETS BROWNWOOD WILD

"The oil boom at Brownwood equals Spindle Top or any other top," said Judge M. C. Smith, of this city, who visited Brownwood Sunday. "I had heard something of the oil find and knew that the development was well underway," said Judge Smith, "but I was astounded when I reached that city and witnessed the great stir and activity in and around the hotels and out on the oil field."

Judge Smith was called to Brownwood on important legal business, and while there had the pleasure of visiting the oil fields and also spent some time with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. (Dick) Richardson. Mrs. Richardson is a niece of Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Richardson is the man who sold a \$150 lease for \$400,000, according to reports received in Ballinger, and confirmed by a report in the Brownwood Bulletin.

"Page after page of the hotel register is filled with names of men from Kansas and Oklahoma oil fields," said Judge Smith, "and they are coming and going all the time. The crowd in and around the oil field reminded me of a carnival, and oil pumps are popping and working day and night pumping oil to the tanks and cars while many derricks are at work sinking new wells."

Among the millionaires who are at Brownwood investigating and investing are C. H. Morrow, of St. Louis and Jake L. Hammond, of Ardmore, Oklahoma. Mr. Hammond is the man who is the largest individual subscriber to the Liberty Loan, having purchased two million dollars worth of Liberty Bonds.

Prominent oil men from all over the United States are flocking to Brownwood, and local Brownwood citizens have become millionaires within the last few weeks, and almost in one night's time. In reporting the Dick Richardson deal the Brownwood Bulletin says:

"It is understood that a deal is pending, in which A. H. Richardson is to receive \$400,000 for his lease holdings of about 300 acres next to the mountain, being a part of the Hall Bros. land. Several months ago Mr. Richardson leased

the land from Hall Bros. and paid 50 cents an acre. He has since then sold off three acres, for considerably more than the price paid for the original lease.

Winters: J. P. Cogsdell, attorney; D. M. Hillyard and Guy McDonald, laymen.

Miles: Jennings, attorney; Graves, layman.

Rowena: M. Kopecky. These men will assist those who are not able to fill out their questionnaire, and thereby make it easy for the local board to receive information that will enable them to classify the registrants without delay.

The Ledger will publish daily the numbers called for that day, and to whom questionnaires are mailed. If for any reason registrant fails to receive his blank he should call at the office of the board and get one.

From day to day The Ledger will carry any information available that will assist in the work of mobilizing the next draft, and those who are interested should keep posted on how to proceed by reading the newspapers and consulting the advisory board.

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"Mr. Richardson stated today that a deal had not been consummated, but would not deny that a deal was pending. It is reported that some Oklahoma capitalists have formed a pool to buy this acreage.

"If this deal is finally made it will be the largest and most important thus far in the history of Brownwood's oil boom. In fact it will prove conclusively to the oil world just what real operators think of the Brownwood field. Experienced oil men are of the opinion that where there is a shallow field there is always deep oil and while most of the operators thing a shallow field a small gold mine, in the way of possibilities, they say that it will be necessary that a deep well be brought in before the field is recognized as permanent."

## 200 SALOONS ARE CLOSED IN HOUSTON

Houston, Tex., Dec. 3.—To facilitate the policing of the city and preventing bootlegging among the soldiers now stationed here, the city council Monday afternoon passed as emergency, an ordinance putting out of business about 225 beer saloons and between 50 and 60 saloons where whiskey and other liquors are sold. The new ordinance becomes effective Jan. 1, and applies to all places where intoxicating liquors are sold except in the business district, which is prescribed. Three clubs situated in the territory put under the ban are exempted from the operation of the ordinance. They are the Houston Country club, Saengerbund club and the Houston Lunch club.

R. W. Clendennen, a ranchman from Sonora, was in our city Monday on legal business, and while here, was the guest of Judge J. W. Powell.

John Huffman of San Angelo was in Ballinger Monday conferring with Judge J. W. Powell concerning their coal and oil interests in Brown county.

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Wilson delivered his message to congress today, and one of the first notes sounded was for a declaration of war against Austria-Hungary and the assuming of an attitude hostile to Turkey and the Balkans.

Mr. Wilson called upon congress to declare a state of war against Austria-Hungary, and the pledging of America to war to victory, and declaring nothing shall turn us aside until victory for the principles of Democracy have been gained.

In his message the president came out with a strong appeal for congress to formally list Austria-Hungary as among America's enemies to remove the "embarrassing obstacle that stands in our way," said the president.

"Any peace America makes must include the delivery of the

house. Senator Pittman, of Nevada, introduced in the senate this afternoon a joint resolution asking congress to declare the existence of a state of war with Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey.

Washington, Dec. 4.—That America will speedily declare war on Germany's allies is the belief of those in touch with the sentiment of both branches of the

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peoples of Austria Hungary, Turkey and Balkans, as well as Northern France and Belgium from Prussian domination," said the president in his message.

Mr. Wilson suggested that congress pass immediately remedial legislation to meet the railroad situation and the food price situation. He urged upon congress legislation for the full use of all natural resources and water power of the country in carrying on war work.

The speedy passing of more drastic laws punish alien enemies and an amendment to include women as well as men under the alien enemies act.

The usual large and enthusiastic crowd heard the president's message, and a patriotic endorsement was given by the Americans who thronged the hall to hear its reading.

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## 2 BIG NATIONAL ISSUES LOOMING UP QUICK

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## REGISTRANTS MUST KEEP SELF POSTED

The following telegram from the office of the Provost Marshal General, addressed to The Governor, has just been received:

"No. 10948. Please cause the broadest and most extensive and continuous possible publicity to be given through the Adjutant General, Local and District Boards, the newspapers and by all other possible means of warning to all registrants who may have changed their places of abode and post office address to communicate immediately with their local boards where they are registered and furnish their present address so that Questionnaires which will begin to be mailed December 15, will reach such registrants without delay. Registrants are bound by law to keep themselves advised of all proceedings in respect of them and failure to do so may result in their losing the right to claim exemption or discharges. Please request newspapers to give this warning broad and continuous publication from this time until the process of mailing Questionnaires has been accomplished."

Local Board, Runnels County, Ballinger, Texas.

## TIME LIMIT SHORT FOR VOLUNTEERS

Recruiting Station, San Angelo, received the following telegram:

"It is desired to afford registrants as wide an opportunity as possible to enlist both in army and navy. Therefore any registrant, even though he has been called by his local board to report for physical examination, may enlist upon presentation to the Recruiting officer of a certificate from his local board that he will not be needed to fill deferred percentage of the quota of the board. This notice modifies previous instructions. Accordingly voluntary enlistment of all registrants is prohibited from and after twelve o'clock noon, December 15."

Registrants will be furnished the certificate referred to above at any time they call at office of local board. It will save confusion and delay if registrant will obtain certificate before he offers to enlist. Army Recruiting Station at San Angelo, Navy Recruiting Station at Abilene. Both branches want and need men badly.

Local Board, Runnels County.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Best and daughter, Miss Mollie, are both seriously ill this week.

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Say, our guarantee is worth something. We have been here 8 years. Batteries in stock for every make of car, guaranteed by us for 18 months.

Steam Vulcanizing, Reliners for Casing Retreading. Expert Repairing, Rebuilding and Repainting.

Let us store your car during the winter and deliver it to you, \$4.00 per month.

Tool Boxes for any make of car put on \$2.50

We carry a complete stock of everything for the automobile. See us or we both lose.

## BALLINGER AUTO COMPANY

Opposite Court House Lawn. Telephone Number 505

P. S. We will take \$135.00 for the Saxon we have had advertised at \$165.00 for quick sale, 6 casing with it. 1 Chevrolet all new casings \$100.00.

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W. Sledge Editor

Mr. Norman underwent an operation at the Halley and Love Sanitarium Monday for gall stones. He is not gaining his strength as fast as his friends hoped. We hope he will immediately take the turn for the better and be returned to us sound and well. — Paint Rock Herald.

**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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WHAT BILLY SUNDAY SAYS

In one of his meetings at Boston the noted evangelist said, "I believe that every disease can be cured by some weed if we can only discover it. There is not an ailment that God hasn't somewhere an herb growing that will cure that ailment."

The choice medical herbs which will cure women's ailments were discovered more than forty years ago, and have been doing their beneficial work for half a century. Lydia E. Pinkham combined them in convenient form in her famous Vegetable Compound, which is to be found in drug stores where every ailing woman may conveniently get it at small cost. It does the work.

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

HAY

I have for sale 45 cars of good peanut hay. Wire or write Geo. Carter, Gorman, Texas. 28-6td2w-pd

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 Bloek, Deceased. Frank Bloek, 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

"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
- 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

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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.

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Phones 66 and 77

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.

**A UNIQUE RECORD.**

Home testimony for Doan's Kidney Pills, published in every locality, is of itself convincing evidence of merit. Confirmed testimony forms still stronger evidence. Years ago this citizen of Ballinger gratefully acknowledged the benefit derived from Doan's Kidney Pills. The statement is now confirmed—the proof more convincing. Cases of this kind are plentiful in the work of Doan's Kidney Pills—the record is unique.

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Over three years later, Mr. Parrish said: "I have had very little trouble from my back since I used Doan's Kidney Pills. I take Doan's occasionally, however, to keep my kidneys in good condition and they certainly are fine."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—

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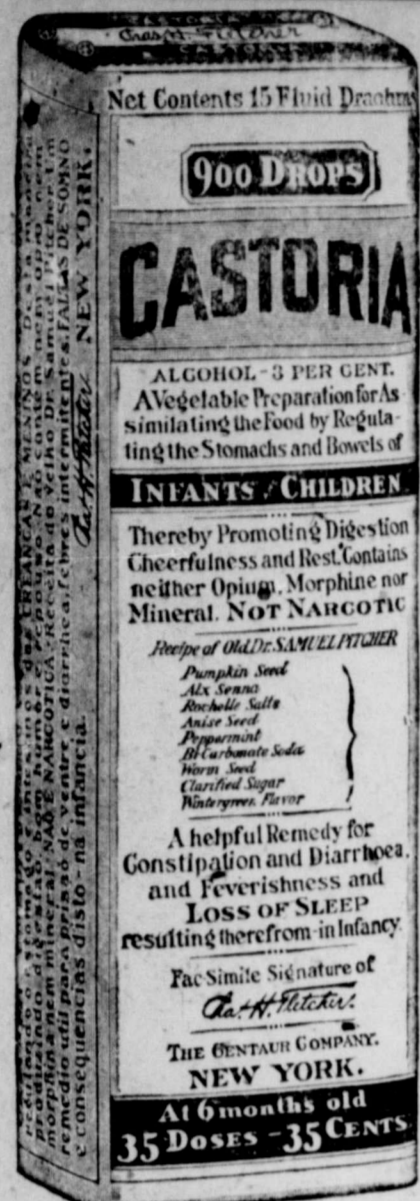
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**Chamberlain's Tablets.**

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.

**BIG DEMAND FOR SOLDIER INSURANCE**

Washington, D. C., Dec 4.—The act which provides for Government life insurance for soldiers and sailors has now been in operation a little more than a month. The secretary of the treasury announced on November 17th that up to that date 64,168 applications under the new law had been received, representing insurance in the sum of \$552,094,000.

From four to six thousand applications are received each day at the Treasury Department, the amount of insurance applied for sometimes reaching a total of fifty million dollars in a single day.

The law provides that soldiers, sailors, marines and nurses in active service may obtain from the Government life insurance in amounts not exceeding \$10,000 at premium rates ranging from 65 cents a month at the age of 21 years to \$1.20 a month at the age of 51 years, for each \$1,000 of insurance.

One of the primary objects of this law is to lessen the tremendous burdens of pensions which has followed as a consequence of all American wars.

It is evident that the administration of this new branch of government is big business in itself. But this is only one of the many governmental activities incident to the war which are adding great numbers of clerks, stenographers, and other servants to Uncle Sam's payroll.

Literally thousands of stenographers and typewriters have been appointed in Washington during the past few months and thousands more are to be appointed as soon as they are available. The United States Civil Service Commission is holding examinations for these positions weekly throughout the country. Secretaries of local boards of civil service examiners at the post offices in all cities are furnishing detailed information.



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**Hatchel Boy Volunteers.**  
Oscar Branham, of Hatchel, went to San Angelo Tuesday, where he expected to enlist in the regular army. He secured a certificate from the local board showing that he was not subject to immediate call and was at liberty to volunteer. During November the recruiting station at San Angelo accepted thirty men for service, several of this number being from Runnels county.

**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.

**ARMY LIFE TO BE SEEN IN PICTURE**

"Who leads the National Army" is different from other war pictures shown here. This picture comes Wednesday at matinee and night as an extra and at the expense of the local theatre, as the entire price paid to secure same goes to the army fund, and as there are no advances in price for the extra attraction the only way the manager of the show can break even will be in securing an increased attendance.

The picture is sent out to give the public an idea of how the army work in the training camps is carried on, and shows how the American army is organized. It is said to be of great interest to those who have relatives and friends in the training camps, and that takes

in practically every one. The picture is authorized by the war department and has the endorsement of the government.

In addition to the war picture the public is promised a good program in the regular bill. Lieut. Pearce, at home on a furlough, will be the Four Minute man for Wednesday evening, adding in words to what will be shown in war pictures.

**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.

**FIRE SEASON IS HERE---**

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

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**JACKON DAIRY**  
Phone 5903

Mrs. H. H. Hatchford is in the sanitarium at Ballinger undergoing an operation. We hope she will be at home soon and restored to her accustomed health.—Paint Rock Herald.

**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.

**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

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.

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 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.

Jim Duncan left Monday for Beport.

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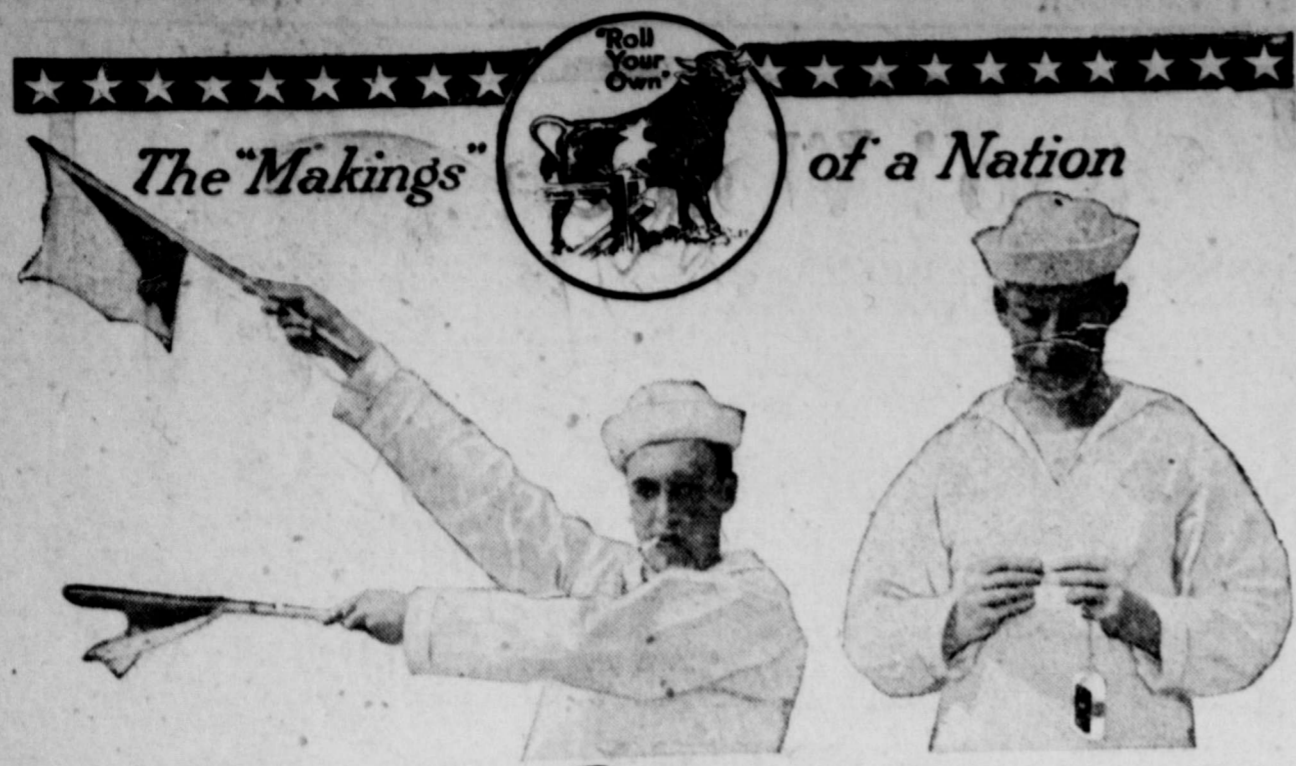
Loans and Discounts	\$336,868.05
U. S. Bonds	26,500.00
Liberty Loan-Bond	10,000.00
Banking House, F. and F.	25,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	3,900.00
Acceptances (Cotton)	87,602.92
Cash and Exchange	271,732.90
	\$761,603.87

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.



The "Makings" of a Nation

By HEYWOOD BROWN  
Accredited to the Pershing army in France for The New York Tribune and Syndicate.  
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FIELD HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES IN FRANCE, JULY 25.

The soldiers were paid Saturday, and there is a stimulating jingle in their ears...

The greatest demand is for Bull Durham. It changed hands yesterday for five francs. A supply of American tobacco has just arrived. French tobacco is plentiful, but unpopular.

Sailors C. S. Collins and A. D. Savage, of U. S. Naval Base No. 7, "rolling their own" and signaling for more of the "Makings."

Read what Pershing's Boys smoke "Over There"

Clipping from the N. Y. Tribune

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Letters from Our Soldier Boys

WITH MACHINE GUN COMPANY IN FRANCE

Dear Papa and All:  
How are you by now? I reported to my regiment on the 13th and my company is a machine gun company. I shall like my work o. k. but the hours are longer. I get up at 5:45 instead of 8 o'clock as at the British school.  
We are now in a very small vil-

lage, not large enough to be called a town. So far I have only received one letter from you. I got one from Gladys and Aunt Martha before I left school. I guess you keep up with the war as well as I do here.

Houses are hard to get here now, so at present I have a room with a French family, and I am getting along ideely.

I hope you had a good time at the fair and found things in good shape. I guess it will be about Christmas when you get this. Here's wishing you a merry one.

Love to all  
Ewing M. Taylor,  
18th Inf. D. C.  
American Ex. Forces in France.

WRITTEN FROM BATTLE SHIP SOUTH DAKOTA

Dear Mother:  
I will write home a few lines tonight. I hope this letter finds all of you well. I took out a government insurance policy today for \$4500. This policy costs \$39.60 a year, and the rate does not increase. The government will not insure us after Feb. 1918.

I will be a long way from home this Christmas, and I wish you would send me the address of the boys in the navy. What is Kennerly and Ross doing? I am seeing lots of the world now. Mr. Walker did not see the South Dakota in New York. It was the North Dakota.

Write to me and tell me where Joe and Creal are. What are the Wardlaw boys doing? Have they been drafted yet? You don't know how glad I was to get those pictures from home. Tell Charlie to tell Celeste McMinn and Francis Truly hello for me.

Love to all,  
Your Son,  
Robert M. Lowry.

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AND ALL BOWEL AFFECTIONS.



What Americans are Seeing On Western Battle Front

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Nov. 14—(By Mail).—If one of the party hadn't stopped to dig up a Boche bayonet from the roadside, this piece wouldn't have been written.

The French officer-chaperoin and his charges had tarried on the way back to Verdun from one of the outlying forts to chat with a bunch of Red Cross men, and incidentally to watch the antics of a flock of German aeroplanes among the feathery puffs of French shrapnel. The usual daily artillery strafe had been on for some hours. Hundreds of tons of metal had been bowling above our heads from both sides, far up and down the line. At times there was a shot for every second. But so far the Boche targets had been located a comfortable distance away. Our officer had given the word to resume the journey, and the chauffeurs were cranking up, when the opportunity of gathering in another battle-field souvenir intervened. It is still there.

Careful figuring, conducted very shortly thereafter in one of the Red Cross dugouts nearby, convinced the whole party that if it hadn't been for the bayonet episode our ears would have collided with the big Boche shell just at the moment of its explosion about a block down the road. For half an hour the German artillerymen raked the neighborhood, and then during a lull we beat it back to the underground shelters of the safest citadel in Europe.

The experience had merely supplied a vivid final touch to impressions already acquired—of what the soldiers of Verdun have been undergoing in the past eighteen months. In this region Nature has been given no opportunity, as she has, for example, on the battlefield of the Somme to repair as best she can the ravages of war. From the top of one of the battered forts that now forms an unbreakable ring about Verdun—reaptured from the Germans with a valor and at a sacrifice of life that will make its name immortal in history—stretches out, as far as 10-ply made-in-Germany binoculars can reach, a vista of utter devastation.

Once thickly forested hills and richly cultivated valleys speckled with happy villages; now a sodden, grayish, monotonous panorama of churned-up soil, criss-crossed here and there with trenches, and only an occasional stump or pile of crumbled stones to evidence its former beauty. It's like Notre Dame de Lorette, Vimy, Wytschaete, Messines, and Passchendaele Ridge all scrambled together.

All the forces of Nature—fire, flood, hurricane, and earthquake—could not have wrought such havoc. Only man could do it. Even looking backward, the only discernible color is the green of the distant fields, the shattered red-tiled roofs of the fortress city, and the clusters of purple-wreathed graves where sleep the men who made the motto of Verdun—"On ne passe pas!" (No trespassers allowed!)—a reality.

The Germans now occupy very much the same line as that from which the Crown Prince launched his costly but futile attack upon this stronghold. Previously we had traversed the valley of the Marne whose almost near-less landscape bears ample testimony to the characteristic French traits of dash, mobility, and resourcefulness; just as Verdun's pitiful harrowed hillsides will always be a monument to the hitherto less familiarly known French qualities of tireless energy and dogged stubbornness.

Then on through the forest of the Vosges down to where France in the early days of the war plucked, and still tightly clutches, a bit of what used to be hers. It's only a few square miles—just about equal in area to the plot of ground that Belgium now holds of her own ravished country—but entirely sufficient to exemplify and justify another fine French trait, intense pride of accomplishment.

"Alsace Reconquise!" proudly reads the sign over a shop fronting the badly scarred old church in the public square of Thann.

Nearly all the old signs have been changed from German, but some have been retained just for souvenirs. In this corner of the "lost provinces" there is no doubt how the people stand. A good many German statesmen profess to believe that the population of Alsace-Lorraine has been so thoroughly Kulturized in the past generation and a half that a plebiscite now would show a preponderant vote in favor of Hohenzollernism. But Germans on the ground are far less confident.

The French Alsatian lieutenant who piloted us to the brow of a nearby bluff where we could look out across the French-German lines in the valley below to Mulhouse told us about the factory he owned there before the war. "The Germans seized it," he said, "but my title is still good. They tried to sell it the other day, after an extensive advertising campaign, at a very low price. But nobody would buy, not even loyal German subjects."

From another eminence we could see the Rhine and beyond—"the promised land," as the lieutenant in the immediate foreground rose the devastated Hartmannswellerkopf, once the scene of the most desperate fighting of the war in this section, now comparatively quiet, with the German and French lines running across the top, in places only six yards apart. The Germans have evinced as how the French occupy all the dominating positions and have a nasty habit of returning two shots for every time the Boche artillerymen show a disposition to increase the amount of their daily practice work.

Are the people of France war weary? Yes; so are those of all Europe. But they are not weary to the point of even thinking of giving up the struggle, despite, or rather because of, the fact that of all the Allies France's burden and her sacrifice in blood and desolated homes has been the greatest. In a tour of the war zone and of the provincial towns behind the lines, from the Channel to Switzerland, one may find everywhere abundant evidence of a relentless determination, among both soldiers and home folks, to see the thing through.

But the predominant sentiment in France today is one of intense gratitude that America has come in to help. Any fleeting doubts as to the outcome were dispelled with the arrival of the Sammies.

Daily Ledger Want Ads

WANTED

WANTED—Sacks wanted; highest market price. I. O. Wooden. 3-d&wt.

WANTED—Sacks of all sizes, Phone 63. Ladwig and Taylor.

FOR TRADE

FOR TRADE—Three coming three-year-old mules for a Ford car. Also some horses. L. C. Tomlinson, Phone 7805. d&wt1.pd

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Nice fresh young milk cow. W. O. Gross. Phone 6694. 27-6dt1w.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON—Motorcycles and bicycles, tires, accessories and expert repairing. Mail orders given special attention. Motor Department San Angelo Hardware Co. 30-52td

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two rooms for light house keeping to couple without children. Phone 179. d3t-dh

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

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. 27-6tdsw

"A SPLENDID TONIC"

Says Hixson Lady Who, On Doctor's Advice, Took Cardui—And Is Now Well.

Hixson, Tenn.—"About 10 years ago I was..." says Mrs. J. B. Gadd, of this place. "I suffered with a pain in my left side, could not sleep at night with this pain, always in the left side..."

My doctor told me to use Cardui. I took one bottle, which helped me and after my baby came, I was stronger and better, but the pain was still there.

I at first let it go, but began to get weak and in a run-down condition so I decided to try some more Cardui, which I did.

This last Cardui which I took made me much better, in fact, cured me. It has been a number of years, still I have no return of this trouble.

I feel it was Cardui that cured me and I recommend it as a splendid female tonic.

Don't allow yourself to become weak and run-down from womanly troubles. Take Cardui. It should surely help you, as it has so many thousands of other women in the past 40 years. Headache, backache, sideache, nervousness, sleeplessness, tired-out feeling, are all signs of womanly trouble. Other women get relief by taking Cardui. Why not you? All druggists. NC-132

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The county clerk has issued the following marriage licenses this week:

H. A. Baker and Miss Susie Ella Nelson.

Albert Klattenhoff and Miss Hilda Fink.

Criminal Docket.

The county clerk has entered on the criminal docket the case of the State of Texas vs. Herbert McAden, for petty theft.

Vital Statistics.

Births have been reported to the clerk as follows:

To Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cogdell of Winters, on Dec. 1, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Enson of Winters, on Dec. 2, a boy.

The death of Miss Mildred Henniger of Ballinger on Dec. 1, was reported to the clerk this week.

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