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### AUSTRIA OUTLINES HER TERMS FOR PEACE

Paris, Dec. 5.—Dispatches received here from Zurich says: Premier Czernin, of Austria Hungary, announced that his country's peace terms will be based on the recognition of National integrity, economic liberty, complete independence of all countries and guarantees of nations' free developments. This is the first information given out as to the aims of the Austrians, in the present war.

Judge J. W. Powell left Wednesday for Fort Worth on business.

### DRAFTED MEN HAVE CHANCE TO ENLIST

Brownwood, Texas, Mr. A. W. Sledge,

Dear Sir: Would you be so kind as to publish in your paper that after the 12th of this month that no man who has registered can volunteer for the regular army or national guards so that if there are any men in your locality who wish to enlist and have registered must volunteer before that date, also that they must bring a certificate from their local board stating that they have not been called for examination by their Board.

Any young man from the age of 18 to 40 who have not registered can volunteer for any of the following regiments which are now open for volunteers: Infantry, Coast Artillery, Field Artillery, Quartermasters Corps, Hospital Corps, Aviation Corps. Men will be accepted for the Quartermasters Corps as Bakers and Cooks with or without experience. All qualified men of the following trades, etc., will be accepted for the Aviation and Quartermasters Corps: Stenographers, Typewriters, Chauffeurs, Machinist, electrician, etc. Any information will be answered.

Thanking you if you can spare the space for publishing this,

I remain,  
L. F. Wells,  
U. S. Recruiting Officer.

### TELEGRAPH NEWS TO COME HIGHER

New York, Dec. 5.—After eight weeks negotiations which had resulted in a complete deadlock with a strike on January 1 as a threatened outcome, the management of The United Press and a committee representing The United Press Telegraphers' Union, today signed a new contract embodying an increase of more than \$95,000 above the present operator's scale.

The contract, as finally signed, was the result of Federal mediation brought about by Rowland B. Mahany, commissioner of conciliation of the United States Department of Labor, who had been called in an effort to break the deadlock. Late last night, when a break seemed inevitable, Commissioner Mahany dictated the final draft of an agreement which he submitted to both sides with an announcement that the entire force of the Federal Government would be brought to bear on either side or both sides is necessary to insure the adoption of the proposal.

The new contract established a \$30 minimum wage in the smaller cities, as against \$24.25, the present scale; fixes a differential for the large cities; increases the salary of bureau (Dallas) operators \$6.00 a week above the present contract scale, and sending operators in the big relay bureaus, \$9.50 per week above the present scale of eight hours' work. An eight hour day, including thirty minutes for lunch, is established and a two weeks' vacation with pay is allowed all men of more than one year's service. Other substantial increases in the matter of overtime and incidentals are included in the new agreement.

Ira Thurman left Tuesday for San Antonio to join some branch of the army.

W. A. Tally went to Brownwood Tuesday on business.

### RESOLUTION FOR WAR IS BEFORE HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 5.—A resolution declaring that a state of war exist between the United States and Austria from noon December 5, 1917, was introduced in the house this afternoon by Chairman Flood. A concurrent resolution is before the senate and will pass both branches without delay.

Respects Swiss Neutrality. Washington, Dec. 5.—The United States sent a formal message to Switzerland today in which this government pledges itself to respect Swiss neutrality.

### BLANTON SEEKING AID FOR DROUTH

Congressman Blanton has introduced in the House at Washington a bill designed to relieve the drouth stricken areas of Texas, New Mexico and Colorado, and appropriation therefor the sum of \$50,000,000, of which sum \$40,000,000 is to be expended in Texas, or such part of said sum as may be needed, and the balance divided equally between New Mexico and Colorado.

The preamble of the bill explains sufficiently its provisions: "To provide for the common defense and general welfare by conserving and increasing the production of food, leather, and clothing, through furnishing immediate needed relief to the drouth stricken portions of the states of Texas, Colorado and New Mexico; preventing by the immediate advancement of necessary feed the impending starvation of several million head of cattle and other valuable livestock; and by advancing needed means for supplies, feed for teams and seeds for planting, thus making provision for the cultivation of thousands of productive farms, which otherwise would not be cultivated and non-productive in 1918, and appropriating therefor money hereafter reimbursable."

"Whereas, there exists in the State of Texas covering 150 counties or an area about half as large as Germany, one of the severest, longest and most destructive drouths ever witnessed before in the history of the country, already entailing a financial loss in failure of crops of over \$200,000,000."

The bill points out the great loss in the nation's food supply, of the supply of leather for making shoes and of wool and mohair for making soldiers' clothing; and the tremendous prospective loss in all three, as well as in loss of food-stuffs from uncultivated farms.

The bill would create a State Drouth Relief Commission headed by the governor together with the treasurer, the commissioner of agriculture, the president of the state A. & M. College, the state food administrator, the president of the State Cattle Raisers' Association, of the Wool and Mohair association and of the Farmers' association, to serve without remuneration; for a County Drouth Relief Commission composed of the judge, sheriff, county attorney, treasurer, tax assessor, tax collector and county commissioners.

Within twenty days after the passage of the act the county commission is to make a survey of each county in the drouth area and make a report of its findings to the state commission, which will meet on the 31st day after the passage of the bill to appropriate the funds among the several counties. The county appropriations are to be lodged in such banks of the respective counties

### Enemy Captures Americans In Fighting Near Cambrai

### Tommy Knows He Is Better Than Boche

WITH BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD.—Before Sammie goes over the top, it would be a fine thing if every officer of the American Expeditionary Force, line as well as staff, could have the opportunity of Cooks-touring the battle-fronts—but more important still the war-making machine behind the fronts.

Only a few days' visit, properly conducted, would afford much illumination, not to say inspiration. To appreciate adequately the magnitude of the Allies task, and the part America is called upon to play in it, a close-up view is requisite.

All the graphic typewritten pictures—even those from the master fingers of Phil Shams and Henry Wood—fail to visualize the titanic character of this War for Civilization in its latter days. One must follow the trail of devastation to know it. One must see the hellish work of the Hun to sense all its horrors. One must inspect at close range the magnificent machinery of the British army to realize its tremendous power and watch Tommy working, and fighting, and playing, to understand his splendid spirit.

It is the immensity of it all that most impresses; next (the miracle whereby Britain in three short years has been able to go further in knowledge of the art and business of war than Germany by closest application did in nearly half a century. Since 1914, as the Boche has progressed steadily in the science of man-killing the Briton has caught up with him and now has passed him. Today there is scarcely a feature of organization or equipment nor device of offense or defence, wherein Germany is not outclassed.

The victor—provided he is sufficiently careless and is willing to resume all responsibility—may see a sample copy of one of the striking exceptions. Exhibit A is a labyrinth of trenches, studded with ferro-concrete dugouts, along a sloping, chalky, verdure-denuded, shellhole encrusted hillside somewhere east of Arras, now the temporary home of a bountiful bunch of English soldiers. The sprightly young lieutenant, when he was unexpectedly called upon to act as guide, had not yet learned the short cut through this military maze to Sap X, front-line. He had been in these parts only four days, as he apologetically explained after passing Post 19 four different times en route to the point where one could view periscopeally the corresponding German sap, thirty yards away.

No, the British haven't learned to dig and build defences such as these. They haven't had to. But they have learned how to turn them into death traps for their

as are willing to pay the government interest on daily balances.

The report to the state commission is to include: Number of farmers in that county to whom it will be necessary to make advancements in order to have the available land cultivated, the probable acreage they will cultivate in 1918, which without government assistance would not be cultivated, the estimated amount such farmers will need from the government, (1) for supplies, (2) for feed for teams, and (3) for seeds, specifying the different seeds and the amounts separately.

The bill provides for punishment of any applicant who makes a false statement, by a fine of not more than one year.

occupants, to assume the tenacity themselves, and protect them from recapture. They have done more than this. They compelled Hindenburg to abandon this method of defense in favor of the so-called "befence in depth," without front-line trenches—a wide zone of concentrated shell-holes, steel "pill-boxes," block-houses, redoubts, fortresses and such.

But more still; with a speeding up of the munitions, engineering and supply departments, with a resourcefulness born of relentless determination, with an ever-increasing morale such as no army in history ever before attained, they have demonstrated the utility of these new devices.

Some of our American officers have had the privilege of watching the gigantic preparations necessary for an up-to-date Haig push, as well as the thing itself. It is unfortunate that more of them cannot be spared from the training camps for this educational experience. To the soldier schooled only at West Point, or in the Cuban, Philippines, or Mexican campaigns, a study of the inside workings of the great British military machine, 1917 model, while it is evolving one of these pushes, is bound to be tremendously instructive.

To the untutored civilian it is baffling. Sprawled out over the towns, roads and fields of Northern France, from the Channel bases to the battle-lines, it seems at casual view a huge, intricate mass of disoriented junk, with a lot of men aimlessly tinkering and pottering about, trying to fix it up so it will run. But closer inspection, along with sympathetic instruction, reveals compactness, and coordination, and terrible power masterfully directed. And soon one learns that all this tinkering and pottering is for another purpose. It is not to make the machine run, but to make it run faster, and smoother, and further.

This machine is no more like the feeble, wheezy contraption of three years ago than the Tommy of today resembles his comrade of the First Hundred Thousand. Both were doubtless the best that could be produced at short notice. They did the work out for them as well as could be expected in the circumstances; but the shortcomings of both were manifest. Each has progressed immeasurably.

Tommy is now a scientific, specialized fighting man. He has learned—and is learning of every day—tricks of warfare never dreamed of by Kitchener's men. Many of these he invented himself and others he has acquired from the Germans—but he never fails to improve on the latter, as for example in the fine arts of sniping, gassing, liquid-firing, genading, and camouflage.

The British army of today is strong for individuality. The enlisted man, as well as the officer, is encouraged to develop himself. Whenever he shows aptitude in any particular line he is given opportunity to let his talents have full swing. This keeps him interested in his work. British soldiers mostly talk shop. They take only casual notice of things outside the big business in which they are engaged.

Tommy is cheerful because he is confident. He KNOWS he is a better man than the Boche. He hasn't the slightest doubt about

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American Field Headquarters, France, Dec. 5.—More American troops have been captured by the Germans, according to unofficial reports received here from the British front. The report says German troops fighting around Cambrai had captured a few Americans, the number captured being not given. Up to a late hour today no confirmation of the report had been issued by headquarters.

### ARTILLERY LIGHT ON WESTERN FRONT

London, Dec. 5.—Gen. Haig reports artillery fighting on the western front today. The firing is about equal from both sides, says the official report.

David Gregory, for some time with the Melton Dry Goods Co., has accepted a position with the First National Bank, entering upon his new duties Wednesday.

### BALLINGER BOY SEES AIR FIGHT

W. A. Taylor received another letter from his son Lieut. Ewing Taylor, Wednesday. The letter was dated Nov. 9, "Somewhere in France," and briefly gives an account of war thrills Lieut. Taylor has just experienced. The letter says:

Dear Papa: I have just gotten back from a trip near the front line where I went as an observer. I had a very good time and experienced quite a few things. The company I was with captured a German prisoner and I was lucky enough to be with them when they did it. The German was shot through the leg. I got his cap off for a souvenir, and I think I shall send it to you all. The poor fellow died the next day, however. One of the things I saw was an air ship fight. It was a great sight to see the aviators shooting at each other up in the air. The German machine was finally hit and of course fell straight to the ground. Both men in it were killed when it hit the ground. Tomorrow I am leaving for American headquarters, and will write to you when I get there. As a whole the English are a fine people. I have only gotten the first three letters from home.

Your son,  
Ewing.

Lieut. Taylor enlisted in the first officers reserve training camp at Leon Springs last June. He received his commission as First Lieutenant, and came home for a ten days furlough. He left here the last of August, under orders to report to New York on August 29th. He sailed a few days later for France, and as will be seen from the above letter he is now on the firing line in France. All this has taken place in less than six months and gives an idea how fast America is moving troops to the firing line. Three months ago Ewing was in Ballinger. Today he is in American headquarters on the French front, and has already experienced fighting and witnessed the capture of enemies.

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F. Sledge Editor

Yes, the job of cleaning up Mexico is still waiting for Uncle Sam.

At the present rate of volunteer enlistments, Class 1 will become exhausted before the draft board can make the call.

President Wilson is again telling congress what to do, and as usual, the president is giving the proper instructions.

There are two kinds of patriots, one talks patriotism and the other is on the job doing something for his country.

Before the pro-German faction in Russia can get very far they will have to deal with the famous Cossack fighters. The Cossacks are true blue.

Congressman Blanton's drouth bill is attracting the attention of congress. To meet the emergency the bill must be railroaded through, as many farmers are now looking out for some plan to get by on during the coming year. They must become settled quick, or there will be a general moving out.

The chances are good for a sane Christmas. Stocks of fire works



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are small and should be smaller. The burning of fire works during the holidays will be nothing short of sinful waste. Fire works do not teach the spirit of Christmas, and certainly the present condition of the country does not justify it. Let's save our money until peace is declared and then give the children a show worth while.

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**THE NEED OF ECONOMY AND SAVING.**

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America is the one great remaining storehouse in the world of supplies and credit. We must maintain and make effective as possible our own soldiers and the soldiers of those nations who are fighting for us. We must therefore draw as little as possible upon our common store of supplies and money. The more we lessen our domestic demand, the more we can contribute to our allied armies.

Economy is now a national duty, such a duty upon the people at home as fighting is upon those Americans who are bravely offering their lives for the honor of America and the preservation of liberty and justice.

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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 Alfaia 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.  
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**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.

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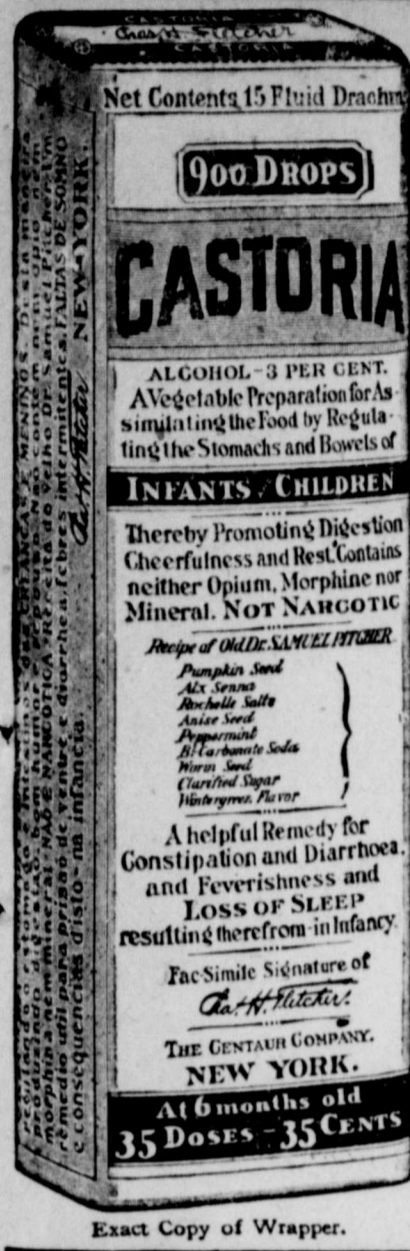
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**1600 GERMAN FIRMS ON BLACKLIST**

Washington, Dec. 4.—A blacklist of over 1,600 firms in twenty central and South American countries with whom merchants of the United States are forbidden specifically to do business except under special license was promulgated tonight by the war trade board. It is officially styled "Enemy Trading List" and constitutes the first section of a record which eventually will include the names of enemy firms in most of the countries of the world, including the United States itself. Latin-America is dealt with first because of the large number of German firms in the southern republics active in aiding Germany's cause. Evidence put before the war trade board has shown that many of these firms, including utilities companies have financed to a large degree German propaganda work in the United States. All those named in the list issued tonight have been charged with secretly or openly assisting America's enemies.

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**THE GREAT QUESTION YOU AND I AND CO.**



**PART I**

What is my duty, what is the most sensible and profitable course for me to follow in my private and business affairs during the continuance of the war?

This is the great question confronting every American citizen.

Here is a common-sense reply: Before we can settle the matter in detail, we must grasp those elementary principles which govern national affairs.

This does not involve great learning or research, for economic knowledge is little else than common-sense applied to big subjects.

The war will be won by the Nation which can place the greatest number of men, the greatest amount of material in the field, and produce the greatest amount of foodstuffs to supply its military and civilian forces. This fact is so generally recognized that it is not necessary to bring forward elaborate arguments to prove it.

We are a wealthy Nation, and the question arises as to whether or not we can win the war by throwing our surplus wealth into the struggle.

We cannot.

Why? Because our savings, as a Nation amounted to about 5 Billion Dollars annually before we entered the war, and our war estimates for the first year's operations call for an expenditure of about Eighteen Billion Dollars, or over 2 1/2 times as much as we have saved ever before in one year.

Now, there are three courses open to us. We can endeavor to produce 1/2 times as much wealth this year as ever we did before. We can endeavor to save 3/2 times as much money as ever we did before. We can lie down on the whole proposition, and let Germany win.

Having described this article as a common-sense reply to a great question, we will eliminate the last mentioned possibility.

We cannot produce 1/2 times as much wealth this year as ever before. It will take several years to adjust our affairs so as to produce such results.

To save 3/2 times as much as ever we have before is quite possible, but would mean actual hardship for millions of our people.

The most sensible solution of the problem is to aim at a combination of production and self-denial which will find us at the end of a year at least 3/2 times wealthier as a Nation, than ever before.

The method indicated has been followed by our Allies with results that have astonished the world. After 2 1/2 years of physical and financial strain, England raised recently a loan of 5 Billion Dollars, equivalent to Ten Billion Dollars in this Country, owing to the fact that we have about double the population. England has speeded up her production of wealth, denied herself so much, that despite the fact that millions of her finest specimens of human material are fighting, despite the fact that she had raised previously about a like amount of 5 Billion Dollars in loans, and is paying 2 1/2 Billion Dollars yearly in taxes, she was able still to produce this enormous amount in a 30 day campaign.

Germany is speeding up her production along the most scientific lines, and is starving herself. That is the sole reason Germany exists today.

Are we super-men that we can do things differently to others? Let us forget this talk of "Uncle Sam soon cleaning up the Germans when he gets there." The Germans will not be "cleaned up" by talk, or even by bravery alone. They must be fought with their own weapons, hard work and self-denial—the things that win wars.

Again the man who cries, "Let the rich man pay," has not grasped the elementary facts of the situation. The rich man IS paying, and WILL pay, for the Government already is calling for as much as 50% of his profits in the shape of Income and War Profit Taxes.

It is true that the Government is not taking away the rich man's capital, but neither is it asking the less wealthy producer to part with his capital. All alike must retain their capital in order to run factories, farm the land, build ships, equip armies, and provide wages.

It would be an entirely mistaken policy to attempt to use the capital wealth of the Country to finance the war. What you need, what the government needs, what the whole world needs, is an increase, a very great increase, in the INCOME of rich and poor alike.

You farmers must produce more, must work harder; the uncultivated land of this Country is a standing reproach to us. You working-men, must work over-time. You

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 went about amongst your neighbors grumbling 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.

**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 Loan 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?"



**THE MERCHANT WHO DOESN'T HELP HIS TOWN**

One of our exchanges got off the following, and there is lots of truth in it, too: "The home printer is with you in all seasons, boosting the town's boosters and knocking the knocker. He praises the schools and the churches; preaches trading at home and laudably the mail order houses; and every one thinks he is only doing his duty. But along comes a slick-tongued agent for a mail order house and gets a batch of printing from the town's leading business men. Still some folks wonder why the editor wears last year's suits and looks like he has just swallowed a dose of chill tonic."—Bonham Favorite.

We have the mail order patrons, who send off for their printing, and we also have the merchants whose name never appears in the paper except when they sign a petition agreeing to close their stores on some special occasion, and when they contribute a "measly" little sum to charity, or some other cause. They don't believe in advertising but want the world to hear about their philanthropy, and feel like they are doing the newspaper man a favor when they ask him to publish it gratis. We may be wrong but we have formed an idea through experience, that the town could get along better without

such men than it could without the newspaper.

**To Cure a Cold in One Day.**

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.

**Be WISE and Advertise**

**At the Front**  
**POPULAR MECHANICS**  
MAGAZINE  
360 ARTICLES 360 ILLUSTRATIONS  
**BETTER THAN EVER**  
15c a copy  
At Year Newsletter  
Yearly Subscription \$1.50  
Send for our new free catalog of mechanical books  
Popular Mechanics Magazine  
6 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago

**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.



# MAXWELL

Most Miles per Gallon - Most Miles on Tires

## Ordinary Common Sense— Sensible Thrift—and Maxwell Motor Cars

Common sense says to you, "Buy a Maxwell Car and use it."

The American people are going forward—not backward.

That is the purpose of the great war in which we are now engaged.

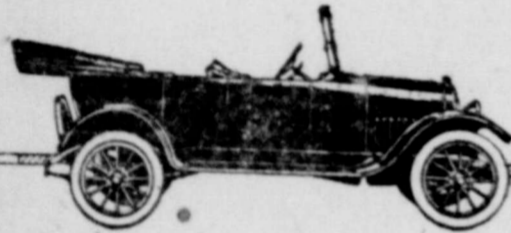
The success of the Nation depends on healthy business activity over the country—and sensible thrift.

Healthy business depends on the utilization of every possible labor-saving, time-saving, money-saving device known.

The light-weight, economical Maxwell—in passenger service—taking you where you have to go on business, helping you relieve delivery congestion—is one of the greatest known labor-saving, time-saving, money-saving devices.

Touring Car \$745; Roadster \$745; Coupe \$1095  
Berline \$1095; Sedan \$1095. F.O.B. Detroit

Spann Auto Sales Co.



### SOME FACTS ABOUT WAR INSURANCE

Any man or woman of any age in the active military or naval service of the United States can obtain Government insurance. It has been ruled that members of Officers' Training Camps are under the act and can obtain insurance. The cost for each thousand dollars of insurance is from sixty-five cents a month to persons at the age of twenty-one to one dollar and twenty cents a month to those of the age of fifty-one.

The beneficiaries are limited to wife, husband, child, grandchild, brother or sister, stepbrother or stepmother, adopted brother or adopted sister of the insured, as well as parent, grandparent or stepparent either of the insured or of his or her consort.

The insurance is not compulsory, but the cost is low and the protection great, and not only are all persons eligible afforded every opportunity to obtain this insurance without trouble or extra expense but they are especially urged to do so.

Gen Pershing and thousands of other officers and tens of thousands of soldiers have already taken out insurance. Up to date poli-

cies of insurance have been issued aggregating \$1,032,948,000.

**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. Wenzel. dtf

### O. R. AUSTIN PROMOT- ED TO CLAIM CLERK

O. R. Austin left Wednesday afternoon for Temple, where he will be claim clerk for the Santa Fe Railway Company. This is a merited promotion for Mr. Austin, as he has been with the local Santa Fe station for a number of years. He is well known in Ballinger, and has a host of friends who wish him further success in his new field.

Mr. Austin will be succeeded in the local depot by Lotis Bass, who has been in the freight office for some time. Mr. Bass will be succeeded by R. Robinson, who comes here from Buffalo Gap.

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

## Get those Implements Under Cover

Don't leave them out in the field to rust and go to ruin in rain or sun, when with a few dollar's worth of lumber, you can easily build a shed that will save you many a dollar on your equipment.

Call and let us give you an estimate on the amount of lumber required for this or any other purpose. Our lumber is A No. 1 and we'll let you be the judge of the prices we make you.

It's a poor economy to save on lumber and buy new implements.

Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.

### SOCIETY

By Miss Fannie Wilmett Phone 59

#### Musical Recital.

The music pupils of Mrs. P. Orgain gave a recital at her home on 8th street Saturday afternoon, December 1, at 2:30 o'clock. The parents and friends of the pupils were present and enjoyed the afternoon very much. Each number rendered showed careful training and talent. Something like 24 pupils took part.

#### Report From Shakespeare Club.

The Shakespeare club is following an interesting course of study on South America. This course is mapped out by the University of Texas.

The first meeting of the year the club was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. F. C. Miller. This meeting was distinguished by the president's address and a pleasing musical program followed by delicious refreshments.

Founder's day program was complimentary to the founder of our Public Library, which is the special care of this club. The club was entertained on this occasion at the home of the President, Mrs. Fleming, and each guest is prepared to say that a Hooverized entertainment properly arranged, loses none of its charm.

#### Foot Ball Boys Honored.

On Friday November 23, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mack entertained the football team of Ballinger High school with a turkey dinner. The dining room was decorated in the team's colors, red and black. A foot ball tied with the colors was suspended from the ceiling over the center of the table. Covers were laid for the eighteen. Messrs. Fleming and Mack being the two "new members of the team." The place cards was a ball boy in uniform on field. Tiny footballs were the favors. The menu was turkey with all the accessories and an ice course. After the dinner was served the boys enjoyed a musical program on the Edison. This occasion will ever be remembered by the boys.

Those present were: Hammond O'Kelly, Robert Lewis Williams, Roy Clappitt, Elbert Clappitt, Bill Sharp, Marion Flynt, George Kirk, Charley Bailey, Garland Hardin, Calvin Kirk, Robert King, Wainwright Chastain, and Baily Mack.

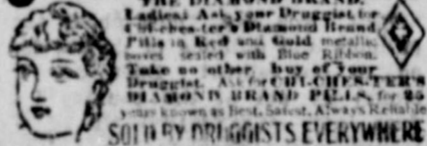
#### Jolly Picknickers.

On Friday evening a number of young people chaperoned by Mrs. Kipp and Miss Wilmett enjoyed a delightful spread at the Rummels crossing. Various games were indulged in around the large "bond fire." Those who enjoyed this outing were: Misses Coia Barbee, Vera Nicholson, Maurine Weeks, Irene Clappitt, Cathlyn Gressett, Roberta Morgan, Katherine Baker, Margie Kipp; Messrs. A. B. Lankford, Rothal O'Kelly, Robert Lewis Williams, Charles Bailey, Clyde Harwell, Calvin Kirk, Ralph Vaneid.

#### Forty-Two Club.

Mrs. G. W. Danlap was hostess to the Forty-Two club Friday afternoon at their regular meeting. Delicious sandwiches and coffee were served to the members after several interesting games.

### CHICHESTER'S PILLS



IMPORTANT MEETING  
OF BOY SCOUTS

Rev. J. H. King has issued a call for a meeting of the Boy Scouts to be held at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church Thursday evening at seven o'clock. On account of other meetings conflicting the regular meeting can not be held Friday night, and the Scout Master requests that all the members be present promptly at seven o'clock Thursday night, and the meeting will not hold more than one hour.

The boys are urged to be present at this important meeting.

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

## MRS. BURNHAM JAMAICA, N. Y.

### Sufferings Cured by Medi- cine Recommended by Sister-in-law.

Jamaica, N. Y.—"I suffered greatly with my head and with backache, was weak, dizzy, nervous, with hot flashes and felt very miserable, as I was irregular for two years. One day when I was feeling unusually bad my sister-in-law came in and said, 'I wish you would try Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound.' So I began taking it and I am now in good health and am cured. I took the Compound three times a day after meals, and on retiring at night. I always keep a bottle in the house."—Mrs. L. N. BURNHAM, 295 South St., Jamaica, N. Y.

Women who recover their health naturally tell others what helped them. Some write and allow their names and photographs to be published with testimonials. Many more tell their friends.

Write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass., for anything you need to know about your ailments.

### TEXAS FIRST BALE BRINGS \$14,155.00

The first bale of Texas cotton for the season of 1917, which was for the season of 1917, which was the Red Cross Society the sum of \$14,155 before it went into the loom at Manchester, England. The bale of cotton was sold at auction at Houston last June, as a benefit for the Red Cross, and brought \$900. It was sold at auction again for the Red Cross at New York, where it brought \$3,330. At Liverpool the bale was again auctioned for the Red Cross, and brought \$2,815, and at Manchester, England, the auction for the bale of Houston cotton in behalf of the Red Cross developed into a revelry of giving. After the cotton was knocked down to the highest bidder, Manchester mill men continued to lay checks and bank notes on the bale until the Manchester offering for the cotton reached the sum of 1,500 pounds, or \$7,125 in American money. As a medium of charity and benevolence the first bale of Texas cotton of the 1917 crop was a hummer.

### TIRED, WORN OUT AND MISERABLE

Many Ballinger People in This Condition.

There is little rest for many a kidney sufferer.

The kidneys feel congested, sore and painful.

The urinary passages are often irregular and distressing.

The sufferer, tired, worn-out and depressed.

Weak kidneys need quick help. They need a special kidney remedy.

Doan's Kidney Pills have stood the test.

A remedy especially for kidney ailments.

Can any Ballinger reader doubt this statement?

Mrs. S. C. Royalty, 1302 Thirteenth St., Ballinger says: "My kidneys were inactive. There was so much soreness across my back that I could hardly bend over and it was just as difficult for me to straighten up. The kidney secretions were too frequent in passage. Doan's Kidney Pills rid me of all signs of kidney complaint."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Royalty had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

### LIGHT COMPANY PUT IN BIG LIGHT

Workmen were busy Tuesday and Wednesday installing a big light on the corner of the Ballinger Electric Light and Power Company's office. This light is similar to the other three that have been put in around town, and will add much to lighting up Ballinger's streets. Besides this light, there is a spot light at the side of the office, and an arc light about one hundred feet away, which will make this corner the brightest in town.

## NOT GUILTY VERDICT IN CURRY CASE

B. F. Currie, of Norton, accompanied by his father-in-law C. E. Witt, and brother-in-law Howard Witt and E. H. Harding and K. Berry, returned from Coleman Tuesday, where they went to attend court. Mr. Currie came home a free man, having been acquitted on the charge of killing Abe Dillingham in Coleman county two or three years ago. The jury was out only a short time and rendered a verdict of not guilty.

Mr. Currie moved to Rummels county and purchased land near Norton, a short time after getting in trouble in Coleman county. Those who were familiar with the circumstances leading up to the killing had predicted that he would come clear when the case was tried, and his friends in this county will be glad to know that he is out of the trouble.

### Chamberlain's Tablets.

Chamberlain's Tablets are indicated 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.

### CALLED BACK TO CARE FOR MOTHER

Chicago, Dec. 4.—After having been 100 miles at sea on his way to France Ervin Sweiger is back today at his home in this city.

Sweiger was drafted and sent to Camp Grant at Rockford, Ill. He was transferred to Houston, Texas and then to Mineola, L. I. He volunteered for immediate service, was accepted and started for France. In the meantime his father had been injured and his mother was unable to support the home. She took her troubles up with the War Department.

A wireless message ordered the troop ship to stop while the youth was taken aboard a tug and returned to an Atlantic port.



Sales slips did you say. Call 27. We can handle it for you.

## 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 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. Sheppard, 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. 27-6td8w

## OVERWORKED, TIRED WOMAN TOOK VINOL

Now She is Strong and Hearty

Philadelphia, Pa.—"I was overworked, run down, nervous, could not eat or sleep. I felt like crying all the time. I tried different remedies without benefit. The doctor said it was a wonder I was alive, and when Vinol was given me I began to improve. I have taken eight bottles and am now strong and perfectly healthy in every respect, and have gained in weight. I can not praise Vinol enough."—Mrs. Sarah A. Jones, 1025 Nevada St., Philadelphia, Pa.

We guarantee Vinol to make overworked, weak women strong or return your money. Formula on every bottle. This is your protection.

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

### Tommy Knows He Is Better Than Boche

(Continued from First Page.)

the outcome. Wherein he differs from some of the weak-kneed folks at home who, fearing a stalemate, would be beguiled by offers of German-made peace.

These are some of the reasons why the British fighting machine has reached its present pinnacle of efficiency.

### 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.

### HIS NEPHEW DIED AT CAMP TRAVIS

Fayetteville, Texas, Nov. 4.

A. J. Voelkel, Ballinger.

My son Ben, died in Camp Travis this morning. Be buried at Shelby.

E. W. Voelkel.

The above telegram was received by A. J. Voelkel of this city Tuesday. The message came from Mr. Voelkel's brother telling of the death of a nephew of our townsman. Mr. Voelkel stated that it was the first relative he had lost in the war. His friend's sympathize with him in his sorrow.

## Big G

Is effective in treating... Prepared by THE EVANS CHEMICAL CO., CINCINNATI, O.

## QUEEN Tonight

### PICTURE PROGRAM

### "WHO LEADS THE NATIONAL ARMY"

Every mother, Father, Sister, Brother of a Soldier must see this Picture.

### "THE DESERT MAN"

Also Triangle Comedy. The Best Program Money Can Secure.

Lieut. Frank Pearce Will Speak on "Military Training Life."

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