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Ladies are Invited to Hear Blanton Speak Wednesday

Congressman Blanton is coming to Ballinger to deliver an address in the interest of America in the war. The ladies, especially the Red Cross workers, are invited to hear Mr. Blanton. He will speak at the Queen Theatre at 10:30 Wednesday morning, December 19th.

Congressman Blanton will make four speeches Wednesday, and he must begin on time if he fills all his engagements for this day, and all those who wish to hear him are urged to be present promptly at ten-thirty.

Congressman Blanton is one of a number of congressmen who are giving their time and paying their own expenses in order to check the German influence that is being scattered throughout this country by extensive German propaganda. Mr. Blanton will on doubt bring a message worth while, and it is expected that a large crowd will hear him.

MOTHER GETS DIVORCE; CHILDREN GETS MOTHER

The usual order of thing, was reversed in Judge J. O. Woodard's court this week, when at the conclusion of divorce trial in which an elderly woman was granted a divorce, she was placed in the custody of her two children.

The plaintiff had been separated from her husband for ten years or more, and had heard nothing of him. The court decided, therefore, that she was entitled to a legal separation from the faithless husband, and so decreed.

"I suppose you also want the custody of the two children?" the court asked. The children were eighteen and twenty-two, respectively.

"No, indeed, judge," the woman replied. "Just place me in their custody. They have been taking care of me for ten years, and I have no one else on whom to depend."

And it was so ordered by the court.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Hobart and Leroy Nicholson returned Sunday from Dallas, after having re-enlisted in the navy, entering the flying corps of the navy. Both have been in the navy before. They will be at home for about a week before being called into the service.

W. A. Nance 393 NIGHT PHONES Henry Jones 556

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RUSSIANS AND GERMANS CONFERRING ON PEACE

Stockholm, Dec. 17.—Phillips Scheidemann, leader of the German majority socialists, is here conferring with Orlovsky, a Bolshevik minister, concerning peace between Germany and Russia. The armistice agreement has been signed, the armistice beginning at noon today and lasting until Jan. 14, and unless seven days notice is given, it continues automatically. It extends to the air, land, and naval forces of the common fronts.

Governors of 5 States Appeal to Citizenship of Southwest to Enroll in Red Cross Ranks

We, the Governors of Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, realizing the imperative necessity for united effort in America and with this most righteous of all wars, appeal to the citizenship of the Southwest to enroll itself in the ranks of the American Red Cross.

During the week of Dec. 17 the American Red Cross will add ten million new members to its roll of patriotic, self-sacrificing, devoted Americans. Men, women and the spirit of the great American Red Cross will preserve those ideals for which we are fighting and secure a just and lasting peace. The service which the Red Cross is rendering and will render throughout the duration of the war is of incalculable value. It is not less an army than the army in khaki which will impose itself between us in our security and the deadly shell fire of the enemy. And the army in khaki will fight with greater vigor and enthusiasm in the knowledge that fifteen million American men and women stand behind it ready to relieve the suffering and anguish caused by the diabolic instruments of warfare and ready to protect the loved ones left at home.

The work done thus far by the American Red Cross in France and Belgium has stiffened the morale of the French soldiers and given them new heart by reason of its relief work among the civilian population of our allies. The suffering families of the soldiers are being ministered to by agents of mercy wearing the insignia of the Red Cross and the consciousness of this fact has strengthened the men in the trenches to bear the burden during the tedious period of our preparation. Every French, British or Belgian soldier retained in the trenches during this critical period means the saving of at least one American life. We must let our boys know that we are keeping guard over the homes which they are leaving and that the Red Cross stands ever ready to protect and safeguard the wives, mothers and children of the men who have gone to fight. In this the greatest struggle the world has ever known between autocracy and democracy. Membership in the American Red Cross is synonymous with good citizenship.

We urge every person, man, woman or child not now a member of this greatest of all humanitarian organizations, to become a member before Christmas eve and place in his window with a lighted candle behind it a red service flag as a glorious emblem of the fact that the occupants of that house have enlisted in an army not less determined, not less ready to do its share than the army in khaki on whom we are relying so confidently.

Join the American Red Cross, the most powerful ally of our fighting forces, during Christmas week, so that the announcement on Christmas morning of a membership of 15,000,000 may show to our enemies that we are a united and undivided people and that, therefore, our cause must prevail.

(Signed) F. D. GARDNER, Governor of Missouri; ARTHUR CAPPER, Governor of Kansas; R. L. WILLIAMS, Governor of Oklahoma; WILLIAM P. HOBBY, Governor of Texas; CHARLES H. BROUGH, Governor of Arkansas.

POISON CIDER FOR BROWNWOOD BOOZERS NAVY ENLISTMENT IS OPEN TO REGISTRANTS

The grand jury at Brownwood has just adjourned and while only four indictments were returned, the body of investigators takes a pretty good rap at the booze peddlers. Following is an excerpt from the report made to Judge Woodward:

"We are glad to say that we find less violations in this county than we have ever known before. We have been surprised at such few violations and pleased to know that most all the laws are being well enforced.

"We have found, however, on investigation that there are a few people in Brownwood who persist in selling cider that intoxicates or poisons and makes the drinker crazy. We have found it rather difficult to obtain evidence against such parties, as most of their customers try to shield them from the law. We do not hesitate to do our duty. There is no doubt that poisonous dope or alcohol is being mixed with this cider which makes it a very poisonous drink and very injurious to the human system.

"We find that with the exception of those few cider sellers the bootlegging in this county is almost a thing of the past, and heartily commend the work of the officers in driving the bootleggers from our midst."

BABY DIES AT WINTERS.

The little infant of Dr. and Mrs. Saunders died at Winters Sunday. Dr. and Mrs. Saunders came from their home in Garden City to Winters about two weeks ago, and the baby was born two or three days before it died.

There seems to be some misunderstanding as to the registrants being allowed to volunteer after December 15. For the information of registrants, this board wishes to advise all registrants that the navy department still needs men badly in all the different branches. Any registrant whose order number is far enough down the line that he is not needed to fill the present quota may obtain a certificate to this effect and he will be accepted for enlistment either in the navy or the marine corps. This applies to all registrants in this county whose order numbers are between 490 and 1636, inclusive. Any registrant wishing to enlist in either the marine corps or the navy will be furnished with the proper certificate.

Local Board, Runnels County, IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The Provost Marshal General has notified all local boards that Questionnaires must be mailed to all registrants except deserters and men who have been inducted into the military service by the Local Boards. He especially says that registrants who have volunteered must be sent their Questionnaires regardless of where they are now located. This board, therefore requests, that the relatives and friends of the boys who registered and have volunteered into any branch of the service notify this Board at once their present address so that we may mail the Questionnaires to them, then when they have filled them out and return them to the Board, the Board will class them in deferred class five account being in the Naval or Military service, as the case may be.

Christmas Drive For Red Cross Members On

PRO BILL PASSED BY THE HOUSE

Washington house passed Prohibition Amendment two hundred and eighty-two to one hundred and twenty-eight.

7 BRITISH SHIPS SUNK BY GERMANS

London, Dec. 17.—One British destroyer and six merchantmen were sunk in a recent encounter with the enemy on the high seas, the admiralty announces today.

ENGLISH ATTACKS ARE STOPPED SAYS BERLIN

Berlin, Dec. 17.—The English attacks south of Fontanasecia, on the Italian front, have been broken down, according to official dispatches received here.

Notwithstanding the terrible losses they have sustained the German and Austro-Hungarian armies in the mountains region of Northern Italy continue their efforts to break the Italian line and open a passageway to the plains below. In France and Belgium, there is little military activity, except for small engagements by outposts and raiding contingents and artillery duels.

The nearest approach to attacks in force were made by the Germans Saturday night in the Champagne district of France and to the north of the Chemin Des Dunes. In both of these the Germans were worsted by the French. A small British maneuver south of Cambrai resulted in the capture of a few German prisoners and a machine gun.

HOOVER TO TESTIFY BEFORE SUGAR PROBE

Washington, Dec. 17.—Food Administrator Hoover appeared at the capitol building today just before today's session of the sugar probe opened, and desired to testify immediately. It is not known as yet what the nature of his testimony will be.

BALLINGER GIRL MARRIED AT CAMP HICKS

Under Fort Worth date line the Dallas News announces the marriage of Miss Eva L. Guthrie, of Ballinger, and E. F. Gibson, of Camp Hicks. Miss Guthrie is the daughter of Mrs. G. G. Carlisle, of this city. Mr. Gibson is a soldier in Camp Hicks. He enlisted in the army from Santa Anna, where Miss Guthrie formerly lived and where the courtship which ended in matrimony began. Miss Guthrie recently went to Fort Worth on a visit, and the news of her marriage came as quite a surprise to her friends in Ballinger, who will join The Ledger in congratulations.

Come let us show you Missourians. J. Y. Pearee Drug Co. 17-11

Mrs. R. L. Harwell, chairman of the Red Cross membership committee, made a clean sweep of one of Ballinger's business houses Monday morning when every member of the Higginbotham Bros. & Co. store signed up and became members of the Red Cross in the big Christmas drive. Every man and woman in the store from the manager to the porter, put up the one dollar necessary to become members of the Red Cross.

Joining the Red Cross is a simple ceremony. All that is necessary is to hand in the dollar. There are no further obligations, and there is no limit on age, either up or down. Every man, woman and child can join and if you have more than one dollar to contribute you can become a \$2 member, a \$5 member, \$50 member or \$100 member.

The drive is on and every effort will be made to double the membership in this county. The committee went to Hatch Saturday and procured fourteen members in a little while. Mrs. C. R. Stephens, president of the local chapter, will wire in daily reports, and it is up to the citizens of this city to make her reports good ones.

CHRISTMAS EVE RED CROSS GERMONY

A striking feature of the great Christmas Drive to be made all over the American nation, will be the displaying of the Red Cross Service Flag in the windows of homes and places of business by those who are keeping the home fires burning.

This part of the program calls for the placing of a Red Cross Service flag in the window, and on Christmas Eve at 7:30 a candle is to be placed behind the flag and kept burning in order that there may be given expression to the universal aspect of the Red Cross.

The local Red Cross chapter are arranging to display a number of these flags in Ballinger. So far they have only received one flag, but expect to receive more, or the material from which to make them. You can assist in this work, and if the Red Cross does not furnish the flags or material, get busy and get the necessary material, and display your colors, show where you stand in the great conflict and what you are doing to help the cause.

LEAVE FOR AUSTIN.

The commissioners court of this county will be in Austin for two days this week, or for one day at least. All the members, except Commissioner Craft, left Monday afternoon, and are scheduled to appear before the highway commission Tuesday morning and ask for an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars. The gentlemen left Ballinger with full confidence of success. They were fortunate in having a man from the highway department visit Ballinger and make a trip over the roads before putting in their claim for state and federal aid, and the gentlemen stated that he would recommend everything and anything within reason. Commissioners Kirk, Meadows and Smith and Judge Parish will present the county's claim.

BALLINGER MAN'S TWO SONS ENLIST

C. C. Coekrell received a letter Monday from his son, Emmett saying that he had volunteered in the army, going in as a field clerk. He is stationed at El Paso.

Mr. Coekrell also has another son, Gus, who joined the quartermaster corps a few weeks ago. He is now in the training camp at Jacksonville, Florida, having been sent there within the last few days.

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WAS IT A COINCIDENCE?

The burning of big public barns, horses and feed in Brownwood and at Ballinger in the same week is a suspicious circumstance...

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whether the fires just happened so, or whether the loss was the result of an enemy match. Many people believe that the spy stories are only a hoax...

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Former Ballinger Pastor Conducts Chinese Funeral

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 14.—Military courtesies, lacking only the firing of a final salute, were extended at the funeral here today of Wong Kee Chong...

E. D. Futch returned Monday from Ardmore, Oklahoma, where he had been buying cotton for the past season.

Mrs. Emma Nash returned from a visit to Andrews, Sunday. She was accompanied home by her father, Uncle Joe Routh...

Luke Mangum left Sunday on his return to Ardmore, Okla., after spending a few days here visiting his parents.

PIONEER LADY DIED SUNDAY

Mrs. Mary Tobitha Carpenter, age 68 years, 7 months and 23 days, died at the home of her brother-in-law, W. S. Harmon...

Mrs. Carpenter had been in poor health for a long time, and suffered a great deal with rheumatism. Just two weeks before her death she was taken seriously ill...

This woman was among the first settlers in Ballinger. She came here with her parents when the railroad was making its advent...

In early married life death rober Mrs. Carpenter of her husband and leaving her with one child, a son. The son grew to manhood and was his mother's only support...

In her girlhood Mrs. Carpenter joined the Presbyterian church. When she came to Ballinger she brought her membership with her and immediately became a member of the First Presbyterian church of this city...

At two-thirty Monday afternoon December 17, the last sad rites were performed and the remains tenderly laid to rest by the side of her son in the City Cemetery.

Mrs. Carpenter is survived by three brothers, George B. Eskridge who is at present at Fort Worth; John A. Eskridge, who is at Houston, and W. B. Eskridge of Lillian, Texas...

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Rev. Prescott and Rev. Mason of Abilene were in Ballinger Saturday between trains, en route to San Angelo, where they stayed over Sunday.



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Peace and Good Will, Good Will

Across the far Judean hills To listening shepherds echoing rang, At midnight, faintly, songs of praise, Dim, distant songs, in wordless lays, When all the stars together sang.

And they, the shepherds, listening long, With beating hearts, in awe-filled mood—

Was this the song Orion sung, The mystic, golden aisles among, In space-gemmed solitude?

Or were these Aspha's anthems grand, Some dusky temple aisles between, When heavy censors slowly swung, Where sun-darted maidens, bending, sung

Out all their souls, unloved, unseen? Sweet forms stood forth, their girldes loosed,

With faces toward the midnight sky; And, trembling, veiled, lips apart, Lambs tense, where fullest muscles start.

And quivering arms upraised high.

Clearer the sound waves swept the plain, As all the wide world's pulse stood still.

Till softly worded fell the strain, From Zion's hills flung back again, "Peace and good will, good will."

Down went the stalwart shepherds there, In humble pose, with hearts aflame, To all the earth from Bethlehem's height,

In solemn watches on that night, The dear God's new Evangel came.

All voices joined the solemn chant, From David's city to the sea; From deep Euphrates' silent tides, To Jericho's palm-shaded sides; From Gath to Galilee.

In widening circles, sweet and clear, From olive grove or palm-crowned hill,

Swept back that anthem, Heaven-born, On harps of gold, by angels borne, "Peace and good will, good will."

A thousand years on Time's strong tide Have washed the shores of Change; Uncounted men have loved, have died, And Life and Death, all undefied, Have swept earth's widest range.

But still the harpers touch the strings, In chorus grander still, And ocean's mighty voices sing, While all the earth her chorals bring, "Peace and good will, good will."

In humble cot on Scotia's braes, Or Egypt's slumbrous vale, O'er sand-swept deserts, camel trod, On snow-crowned Alps upreared to God, The mighty chords prevail.

In vales of musk; o'er hills of burze; Spice-scented valleys blest; When odorous lilies awe their bells And sensuous, dew-drunk asphodels Their honied lips have prest;

O'er somber pines that sing of death, Or sun-kissed meadows still; O'er land of teal, o'er land of woe, The world-enriching chorals go, "Peace and good will, good will."

When changing numbers swinging swift

The Christ-tide seasons bring— To lands where tropic aloes grow, To rolling prairies white with snow, The bells of gladness ring, And children's faces beam with mirth, And children's glad hearts thrill; For them the angel harpers sing, For them the joy-bells of Heaven ring, "Peace and good will, good will." —Maude Meredith.

A CHRISTMAS WITHOUT FIREWORKS

The Southern boy for many years has found much fun in burning up millions of dollars in fire works, and the newspapers publish the lists of casualties. The Holidays now so near at hand promises to bring a big decrease in fire works casualties...

S. W. English, state fire marshal, calls attention to the fact that fireworks manufacturers are urging the plea that pyrotechnic displays this Christmas would aid in a patriotic celebration.

Continuing, he says: "It is time that all of us come to a full realization of the fact that our

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country is at war that every department of the Government in both State and Nation, is moving under a high tension to produce and conserve in order that our country and our allies may prosecute the war to a speedy and successful end.

J. F. Mansker left Monday afternoon for Victoria, where he goes to spend two or three months with his daughter. Mr. Mansker seeks a milder climate in winter, but the freeze caught him this winter before he got away.

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WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A WAR FLYER

Mrs. J. H. Kipp is in receipt of a letter from her son, Eugene, written from Fort Sam Houston. Eugene has just been accepted as a flyer, and writes his mother of the examination he passed before he was accepted. Here's what it takes to make a flyer:

I am going to write you the details of the examination so you will have some idea of what we went through. After we succeeded in passing the mental examination, we were notified to report to the Robt. Green Memorial Hospital, Friday at 7 a. m. As soon as we arrived, we were stripped and they painted our number on us with iodine, and lined us up to give us the "once over." Then we went in a room one at a time and had our height and chest measured and our blood pressure taken. From there we went in another room to have our ears, throat, teeth and heart examined. The test of the ears was not hearing, but to see if we had any trouble with our ear drums, and to see if they could stand high altitude. The heart examination was a very close one, and judging from the time they took on

each man, they were anxious to find some little thing wrong. After these tests we were passed on to a room to be examined for color or blindness. They would show you a certain color and then tell you to punch every shade of that color off a board, that seem to have the colors of the rainbow multiplied by about 100. You not only had to get every shade, but you had to do it in a hurry. In this same room we had our eyes examined. First we had to read line No. 2 (No. 3 is what is used for the regular army exam.) and our eyes had to test 20-20, or perfect in this. We were then told to read some very fine print four inches away. This, and all other eye tests had to be 20-20 too. After we read this the doctor would make us look him in the eye, and then he would hold up one, two, or three fingers out to one side, and we had to tell him how many he had up. When all applicants had gone through this much, we were lined up and out through a stiff sitting up drill and then our hearts were tested again. While we were in this formation we had to do a lot of "stunts" such as walking in a straight line, with our eyes shut (both forward and backward) balancing on one foot with eyes shut, and a number of other such things. After all this we were allowed to dress and take an hour and a half for lunch, but we were advised to eat light-

ly as the chair ride was still coming to us.


When we got back that was the first thing they gave us. They first made us sit in the chair and then they whirled us around until it felt like the chair was upside-down. It was suddenly stopped and he said "look out of the window." He would then time you with a stop watch to see how long it took you to "come to." This was tried with each eye in both directions. He then told the victim to put his hands on his knees and then lay his head on his hands. When the doctor got his man in this position he began his twirling and this made the first few rides tame. After he thought you were thoroughly done for, he would have you sit up and lay your finger on his, and then shut your eyes and put it back there. This is a few of the ways he tried you in the revolving chair, but it would take too much time to tell all of them. These rides made some of the boys lose that "light lunch," and made most of them wish they hadn't sampled that steak.

In this same room we had our ears tested for hearing. He would blindfold the man and use watches in every manner to fool him if possible, but you had to make a correct guess everytime to be accepted. The last thing they did was dilate the pupil of our eyes and examine them for organic or nerve trouble, and then we all waited for the final verdict. Maybe you think this suspense wasn't as bad as the "chair."

Out of the thirty men that took the examination, only eight were accepted, and believe me, those eight were happy soldiers. One of the rejected ones, looked as if he was going to cry. There was one fellow among them that I knew at the University. He had taken his B. A. degree and low degree, but when it came to this kind of exam. he fell down on his heart and blood pressure. I expect to be moved tomorrow

or the next day to Kelly Field. I am anxious to get at the work. I heard Claude Stone and Archie Crews enlisted in the aviation.

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DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HIS MONEY

A farmer came to one of the biggest business men in the Southwest last week and said: "I have done pretty well this season. I've \$500.00 that I can spare. It's earning me nothing in the bank. You know something about investments, tell me what to do with it."

"Well," said the big fellow, "You can put your money into Railroad Stocks, you can buy Standard Commercial Stocks, or you can take long chances and buy stock in some Gold Mine which may or may not make you a Millionaire. Do you know anything about stocks, shares, or investments generally?"

"Not a thing."

"Well, what is your first requirement in an investment, do you want high interest, or absolute safety?"

"Absolute safety—no chances for me. Why I wouldn't sleep nights and my wife would never quit worrying if I took chances."

"Well," was the reply, "I can advise you to buy some good Commercial Stock but I want to warn you that owing to trade conditions being upset of course the Stock might be low just when you wanted to sell. Would you mind that?"

"Yes, I believe I would. Of course, I know all Stocks go up and down a little in price, but I must have something that can't go down too low, because I might want my money any time, and I can't afford to lose 5% to 10% of my investment just for the sake of securing 5% to 10% interest."

"So you want something that is so safe it will not cause you one moment's worry, you want something that you can purchase, hold, and feel safe about without your having to learn anything about stocks, shares, or market prices."

"That's it, exactly."

The business man had known right along what investment this man needed, but he wanted the farmer to sell himself first. "Well," he said with a smile, "What's the matter with investing with the United States Government? You won't have to sit up nights wondering whether they are going to fall. You don't have to know one thing about stocks, shares or markets, in order to get in on the proposition, and your little 4% comes around twice a year regularly."

"Oh, you mean buy a Liberty Bond?"

"Yes, why not?"

"Well, I guess I can't do better."

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STUART WINS IN NAVY TRACK MEET

Frank Stuart is in receipt of an interesting letter from his son Arteak, who is doing service for his Uncle Sam on the Receiving Ship at New York.

Arteak has just pulled down first honors in the navy track meet held under the direction of the Y. M. C. A., and in telling his father about it in the letter he says:

"I was in a track meet last Thursday afternoon, and won individual honors. There were five events, consisting of high jump, shot put, 220 yards dash, broad jump and 75 yard dash. I won first place in all of them. First place counted five points, so I scored with 25 points, with the meet with a majority of about 12 points. They gave me a gold medal for first place, a silver and bronze medal were given for second and third place."

The letter also says, "I am sending a menu of the Thanksgiving dinner we had last Thursday. It was some feast and I helped to fix it." Following is the menu:

- Celery Olives Pickles
- Cream of Celery Soup
- Creamed Ynhaven Oysters
- Smoke Beef Tongue, Glace
- Ne Spinach
- Roast Vermont Turkey
- Oyster Stuffing—Giblet Sauce
- Cranberry Jelly
- Potatoes Au Gratin
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Sweet Cider
- Neapolitan Ice Cream
- Pound Cake
- Assorted Nuts American Cheese
- Coffee

The menu is a handsome piece of printer's art. The cover is made up of a large turkey printed in colors, with the name of the ship and the date, and the first page of the menu carries the musical program, while the back page shows the picture of the captain in charge of the vessel. We can not wonder at the boys gaining weight when we get a glimpse of the bill or fare.

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.

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THESE WORDS WILL BE USEFUL IN WAR

- Camarilla—A group of Russian reactionaries who were influential with the former Czar and Czarina.
Camel Brigade—British soldiers' designation for the infantry on account of the appearance that the heavy pack gives the men.
Camion—A military truck.
Camouflage—Faking. A make-believe.
Ca'ry On—To go ahead.
Cauliflower—A special shell with small wire wings fired from a breaking down barbed wire.
Cave Voute—Safety cellar for protection from airplane bombs.
C. S. S.—Casualty clearing station.
Clericals—A Russian political faction representing the Orthodox Greek Church. Were strong defenders of the Czar.
Coal Boxes—Shells from trench mortars.

RED CROSS DRIVE FOR MEMBERS TO COMMENCE DEC. 17

ENROLLMENT OF 15,000,000 BY CHRISTMAS EVE IS THE GOAL SET.

SOUTHWEST QUOTA 2,000,000

Every Person With Red Blood In His Veins, Who Is Not Already a Member, Will Join by Dec. 25.

"Make It a Red Cross Christmas!" This is the slogan of the Southwest division of the great American Red Cross, which will begin a drive Monday, Dec. 17, to obtain 2,000,000 new members in the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

A similar drive is to be made at the same time in the other 12 divisions of the Red Cross throughout the United States. The Red Cross has 5,000,000 members at the present time. Fifteen million members by Christmas Eve is the goal of this wonderful organization.

Outside of the army and the navy the Red Cross is the most important instrument for winning the war. Facts and figures dictate this statement and not sentiment.

Much has been said and written regarding the sentimental side of the Red Cross and too little has been said and written of the actual work which the Red Cross does. As a matter of fact, the Red Cross is nothing more than God's own instrument for making the world safe for democracy. All of the armies and all of the navies of all the allied countries would be impotent unless back of them there was a big something making for the morale which is the backbone of every fighting machine.

Morale Makes an Army. Every soldier and every sailor must know that his country is backing him up with something more than munitions and a uniform; he must know that the spirit of the country is behind him, that its humanity is reaching out to him and reaching out to his, that the All-Seeing, All-Powerful One, the Big Director of Humanity, is going to take care of him and take care of his family while he is fighting.

Morale and munitions win wars. The Red Cross is morale with a big M, and without the Red Cross there could be no such thing as morale.

A few facts covering a few of the activities of the Red Cross since the United States went into the big war is sufficient proof of all these statements. No man with red blood in his veins can read these facts and then refuse to become a member of the Red Cross, unless he already is a member.

Because of the enormity of the task and because of the fact the United States was unprepared for war, the War Department has been slow in getting supplies to cantonments, and in many instances soldiers would have suffered had it not been for the quickness of the Red Cross in coming to their relief. Some red tape, of course, attaches to the Red Cross. At a South-

ern cantonment 2,000 of the men were without shirts; the War Department was not able to furnish the immediately. The Red Cross stepped in and within 24 hours every man was properly outfitted.

Blankets Are Supplied.

At another cantonment the men had an insufficient supply of blankets and the government could not put through a requisition in time to alleviate the suffering which followed. Again the Red Cross went to the rescue of the government, again it proved it was the government's right-hand ally.

At still another cantonment sweaters were furnished for more than 2,000 soldiers who were without overcoats.

One of the biggest things the Red Cross is doing in America and throughout the countries of the Allies is civilian relief. Here are some cases in point which alone are sufficient to make membership in the Red Cross synonymous with citizenship in the United States:

CASE ONE—Mother with daughter twenty-five, son twenty-two, and daughter thirteen. Son is drafted. Mother taken dangerously ill without hope of recovery. Oldest daughter must resign her position, paying \$30 per month, to care for mother. The soldier's allotment of \$30 only income.

Home Service Section investigated; found an excellent family never in want before, now in dire straits and needing great assistance. Chapter made a grant of \$10 a week to provide finances for living expenses, medicines, doctor bills, etc., and are making encouraging calls to the family and assisting the daughter in nursing her mother. Financial relief alone would not have been enough in this case.

Splendid Home Service.

CASE TWO—Man enlisted in army and married in June, 1917, asked for discharge in October on the grounds of a dependent who was an expectant mother. Army officials refused discharge because marriage took place after declaration of war because they had no relatives and soldier's relatives, who live in another part of the United States, are unable to assist.

Home Service Section found facts as stated correct, made arrangements for the wife's confinement, assigned a big-hearted motherly woman as counsellor for her and assisted her with additional funds necessary over and above the soldier's allotment. This was splendid home service, for it comforted an expectant mother and by the same effort relieved the worried mind of the soldier's father.

CASE THREE—An aged farmer and his wife had two sons, twenty-five and twenty-two years old, respectively. The older boy was drafted. Two weeks later the second boy was taken ill suddenly and died. The old folks were distracted, not only because of the loss of both sons but because they had no growing crop, their only means of support, without anyone to gather it.

Home Service Section marshaled the neighboring farmers, gathered the crop, helped to market it and gave kindly advice and assistance to the old people. That was all that was needed, but it was good home service.

CASE FOUR—Referred by Canadian Patriotic Fund. American citizen enlisted in Canadian forces, leaving a wife and four children in Canada. Man formerly earned \$100 per month and took excellent care of his family. He made an assignment of \$20 of his pay, the Canadian government made an additional separation allowance of \$20, total of \$40 per month. Woman willing to realize her mode of living, but to drop from \$100 per month income to \$40 per month was impossible without great sacrifice to health and environment of children.

Allowance Made for Wife.

Home Service Section investigated, found an excellent family and enthusiastically recommended grant of \$10 per month to be added to the \$40. This was enough to relieve this woman of the constant worry and fear which was rapidly driving her to a neurotic condition. There will be many cases like this for the Red Cross.

CASE FIVE—Referred by Commandant W. Army Post. Soldier had deserted and when recaptured, gave as his excuse that the fear of his wife and three children starving in Chicago drove him to it.

Home Service Section investigation showed man well known to all charities of Chicago because of his absolute failure to support his family and his frequent desertion and long absence from them. Soldier compelled to make an allotment of \$20 per month for their support, and at wife's request (this being her first dependable income from him) man was kept in the army. Our Home Service Report helped the commandant, too, for he no longer felt like a brute in handling this "poor man" and began at once to make a real man out of this soldier.

Hospital Units Replaced.

In the recent German offensive which resulted in the invasion of Italy the Germans captured 86 hospital units attached to the Italian army. Thousands of Italians were wounded in the movement, requiring immediate medical assistance. The Italian army was unable to furnish them. A quick call was put in for the Red Cross and within a few hours Red Cross surgeons, Red Cross nurses and Red Cross supplies were being rushed to succor the thousands of wounded Italians.

Here, indeed, in all these cases, is proof of the necessity and the practical worth of the Red Cross; here, also, is infallible proof that every citizen of the United States should be a member of the Red Cross.

In the Christmas drive for membership which is to begin Dec. 17, membership will be issued upon the payment of \$1.

With each \$1 membership there will be given a Red Cross service flag which if it is desired members will dis-

play in a window Christmas eve from 7 to 9 o'clock. The flag is transparent and with a lighted candle behind it will make a most impressive patriotic display.

Is the blood in your veins RED? If it is YOU will have a Red Cross service flag in YOUR window Christmas Eve, and when the news is flashed to the battlefields Christmas morning that 2,000,000 people in the Southwest have declared "We are behind the boys in the trenches" down in your heart you may be thankful that it has been your privilege to be one of those to send this inspiring message.

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FREE HELP FOR FIGURING INCOME

Austin, Texas, Dec. 17.— You won't have to figure out your own income tax all by yourself hereafter. The government is going to send men out to help you. It will be up to you to hunt up these men, who will be sent into every county seat town, and some other towns besides, to meet the people. Postmasters, bankers and newspapers will be able to tell you when the government's income tax man will be around, and where to find him. He will answer your questions, swear to the return, take your money, and remove the wrinkles from your brow. Returns of income for 1917 must be made between January 1 and March 1, 1918.

"The Government recognizes,"

Collector of Internal Revenue Walker said today, "that many persons experience a good deal of difficulty in filling out income tax forms. It recognizes too, that taxpayers resident at points where collector's offices are not easily accessible find it hard to get proper instruction in the law. Next year, when every married person living with wife or husband and having a net income of \$2,000, and every unmarried person not the head of a family and having a net income of \$1,000 for the year of 1917 must make return of income on the form prescribed, there will be hundreds in every community seeking light on the law, and help in executing their returns. My own and every other collection district in the nation will be divided into districts, with the county as the unit, and a government officer informed in the income tax assigned to each district. He will spend hardly less than a week in each county, and in some counties a longer time, very likely in the courthouse at the county seat towns. In cities where there are collector's branch offices, he will be there, and in other cities possibly at the city hall. My office will in due time advise postmasters and bankers and send out notices to the newspapers, stating when the officer will be in each county. It will be unnecessary for prospective taxpayers to ask my office for forms on which to make returns. The officer who visits their county will have them.

It may be stated as a matter of general information that 'net income' is the remainder after subtracting expenses from gross income. Personal, family, or living expense is not expense in the meaning of the law, the exemption being allowed to cover such expenses.

The new exemptions of \$1,000 and \$2,000 will add tens of thousands to the number of income tax payers in this district, inasmuch as practically every farmer, merchant, tradesman, professional man and salary worker will be required to make return and pay tax.

The law makes it the duty of the taxpayer to seek out the collector. Many people assume that if an income tax form is not sent or a government officer does not

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call, they are relieved from making report. This is decidedly in error. It is the other way round. The taxpayer has to go to the government and if he doesn't within the time prescribed, he is a violator of the law, and the government will go to him with its penalties."

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