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PYREX Glass Cooking and Serving Utensels are Ideal CHRISTMAS GIFTS
HALL HARDWARE COMPANY

ARTILLERY FIGHTING HOLDS ENEMY ATTACKS IN CHECK

Paris, Dec. 18.—Active artillery fighting along the Rhone-Rhine Canal was officially reported today. The German raids were repeated a number of times south of Coven-court, but successfully repulsed by the British. Artillery fighting is holding the enemy in check at other places.

CHRISTMAS TRAVEL MUST PAY FULL FARE

If you are going to take a Christmas trip and visit your wife's kin folks, you will have to pay full railroad fare with the eight per cent war tax added, this year. This is the announcement made by the railroads at the request of the government, or at least it is what has become pretty well known by those who contemplated their usual Christmas visit to the old folks at home.

The government some time ago took steps to prevent a general congestion in travel and railroad traffic by appealing to the railroad not to encourage Christmas traveling by offering the usual one fare and one and a third fare to the old states and to points in the state. The railroads have their hands full and are short on equipment to handle the great war hauls and handle the regular run of traffic, and they very readily complied with the government's request.

It is pointed out that it is a mighty good time for folks to stay at home and do their bit any way. The war is calling for every one to be on the job and to turn loose from business and spend two or three weeks junketing would work a hardship on those who were left at home in charge. Most of us must forego the pleasure we have so long been permitted to enjoy on the greatest of all holidays.

Mrs. J. Pechaeek of this city and Miss Baron of Rowena left Monday afternoon for points in east Texas, where they will visit a while. They will also visit Mr. Pechaeek in Marlin.

COSSACKS DEFEATING BOLSHEVIKI

Petrograd, Dec. 18.—The Cossacks today reoccupied Rostoff, defeating the Bolsheviki.

Another German Trick.
London, Dec. 17.—Predominant facts as regards the Russian situation at the moment is the signing of an armistice, which is announced officially at the capitals of all the countries concerned. According to special dispatches from Petrograd, every one there believes that a permanent peace between Russia and the central powers will result. Correspondents in general treat as negligible the undertaking of Germany and her allies not to withdraw troops from the eastern front. A Petrograd dispatch to the Times says large masses of Germans already have been removed and that probably the German command transferred all its purposes to employ elsewhere so that its plans are not likely to be deranged seriously.

THROWS ACID IN SON'S FACE WHEN CONSCRIPTED

Two Harbors, Minn., Dec. 17.—Allegedly to prevent her son being accepted into the draft army, Mrs. Charles Magnuson of this city, today, according to the police, threw acid into the face of her son, Arthur, while he lay asleep at the house. He was rushed to a hospital and it was learned there that he will not lose his sight. The only thing that saved his sight, physicians say, is that he was sleeping, and had his eyes closed. Magnuson was to leave today with the drafted boys from Lake county. Constant brooding over the fact that her son was drafted is believed to have affected the mother's mind. She collapsed and has been confined to her bed since.

Incendiary Fire Destroys Jno. D. Rockefeller Home

First Day in Red Cross Drive Nets 115 Members

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 17. Mrs. C. R. Stephens, Red Cross, Ballinger.

We know and appreciate the difficulties and troubles which you have had to encounter and under the circumstances the number of members you have turned in is most creditable. It is only by the most earnest efforts that we can hope to succeed, and if Rannels county does her best we need feel no doubt as to the ultimate success of your efforts.

Hugh E. Prather, Member Southwestern Division com.

The above telegram came Tuesday morning in response to the daily report made by Mrs. Stephens in the great Red Cross Christmas drive for new members. Mrs. Stephens telegraphed 115 new members to headquarters Monday night. Of this number fifty came from Winters, where a strong committee of workers is attempting to send in 1000 members from that place alone. If every community in the county gets up and works like the Winters people, the county will come over the top with

its full quota of Red Cross members.

Monday was the first day of the drive and the committee had to perfect its organization and get down to work. Greater results are expected as the campaign advances and before the close Saturday night. Daily reports will be made from every community in the county, and the total gain wired in to division headquarters daily.

A Good Time to Renew.

The Red Cross was inaugurated in this county last summer, and while those who joined have several months in which to renew their membership by paying their annual dues, the committee in charge of the Christmas Drive are accepting renewals now. It is a good time to pay your dues for another year, even though you were a charter member of the local chapter. This would help the committee to make a good showing and give the Red Cross the cash while it is so badly needed to get the Red Cross organized in our army at home and on the battle front.

Christmas Spirit Leaks Out at Camp Travis

The soldiers of Camp Travis know that Christmas is coming, and so do the employees of the big postoffice that handles the mail that is sent by, or sent to the soldiers of this big camp. To the end that the things sent the soldiers at Christmas time may be delivered in the best possible manner, the following rules should be followed:

Under the general caption of "Eats," all sent should be packed to stand the trip. Food packed in such flimsy containers as a shoe or a hat box, is food wasted, if sent through the mail. Only the heaviest kind of cardboard, or better still, light weight wooden boxes should be used in packing eatables.

Don't send liquids through the mail, unless in liquid containers. Glassware must be in wood or double faced corrugated paste board boxes, well packed.

It is absolutely necessary to place the correct and complete address on every package. This address must be legible, and it must show the organization to which the soldier belongs. An address of simply "Mr. John Smith, Camp Travis, Texas," is almost worthless, for there may be several John Smiths. But "Private John Smith, Co. A, 359th Inf., Camp Travis, Texas," enables the post-office authorities to locate the party for whom the mail is intended at once. It should be remembered there are less than a dozen cities in Texas with as large a population as Camp Travis and it takes the strongest kind of cooperation on the part of all parties to insure that mail matter reaches the soldier it was intended to reach.

The postoffice authorities permit requests "Do Not Open Until Christmas," or words to that effect to be placed on the outside of packages. The name of the sender should also appear.

But above all see that Christmas greetings are well packed. Send them early. Insurance rates are reasonable and articles of value should be insured against non-

delivery. The postal authorities are anxious to give the soldiers the very best possible service. This can be done only with the active and intelligent cooperation of the Folks Back Home.

The fight against disease at Camp Travis never ceases night or day. Every little thing that will be of assistance in this guard against ill health is given prompt and thorough attention. Just to show to what ends this fight is being carried, a General Order has been issued by Division Headquarters requiring all barbers employed at the various shops in the camp to wash their hands with soap and water before attendance upon each man. Towels used in a barber shop on one man, must not be used again until they have been laundered. All shaving cups and shaving brushes must be scalded after each shaving.

Incidentally it may also be stated that in many of the organizations, a flat rate of \$1.00 a month per man is made, which entitles the soldier to receive two shaves per week and two hair cuts per month. This arrangement is not compulsory, but the cheapness of the service has induced practically whole companies to enter into such an agreement. It may also be mentioned that since beginning life at Camp Travis, the general desire for neatness and cleanliness in many of the soldiers has grown with rapid strides. A well trimmed head of hair and a cleanly shaven face are more in keeping with the uniform than a stubby growth of beard and a collection of disheveled hair. No man can be a good soldier in every sense of the work and can be slouchy in his personal appearance.

For the benefit of those who may visit relatives and friends at Camp Travis it should be stated that the best time to come to San Antonio is on a Saturday. The next best time is on a Wednesday. The reason for this is that on Saturday afternoons and on Sundays the soldiers not on duty—such as guard or the like—are free to do

Governor's Mansion in Calif. is Dynamited

Cleveland, Dec. 18.—The Rockefeller home in this city was destroyed by fire early this morning.

The loss is estimated at more than one hundred thousand dollars. It is believed that the fire was of incendiary origin.

Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 18.—An attempt was made to dynamite the governor's mansion and kill Gov. Stephens and wife last night. A charge of explosives was set off in the southwest wall of the mansion. The damage was confined to the exterior of the wall and no one in the building were injured.

WILL MAIL OUT QUESTIONS DEC. 20

The first mailing of questionnaires will take place Thursday, December 20th, according to instructions received by the local exemption board Tuesday. The original plan was for the questionnaires to go in the mail on December 15, but on account of the delay of envelopes the work had to be postponed. The supplies for carrying on the work of classification in Texas was delayed, and not until this week were all the boards supplied with envelopes necessary for returning the answered questions to the boards received.

The plans as first outlined were for five per cent of the registration list to receive questionnaires each day until the entire list had been supplied. Due to the delay the boards have been instructed to mail seven per cent of the blanks each day.

The local board will furnish this paper for publication a list of those to whom questionnaires are mailed each day, and the people are requested to watch the paper in case registrants have moved or changed post office address, communicate with them and assist in getting the blank to them. If the questionnaires are not returned within the required time, the registrant will be classed in class A and subject to draft in first call.

Draft Numbers Posted.
The local exemption board today posted draft numbers to which questionnaires will be mailed on the 20th and 21st. All registrants holding order numbers from 1 to 163 inclusive will have their questionnaires mailed to them on Thursday Dec. 20. All registrants holding order numbers from 164 to 324 inclusive will have their questionnaires mailed to them on Dec. 21.

I. L. Humphries and family of Rannels have moved to Paint Rock to make their home with us. Mr. Humphries is the new telephone manager and has taken charge, Roy Carter having resigned.—Paint Rock Herald.

Father Goldbach went to Brownwood Monday, on church business.

Holiday Cards for Late Shoppers.

The engravers have notified us not to accept any more orders for engraved Christmas Cards, but we have just received a nice line of plain and fancy cards for the late Holiday shoppers, and can print these up in any quantity with any wording. Drop in and see them. The Ballinger Printing Company.

NATIONAL PRO BILL UP TO STATES

Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate concurred in the house amendment to the nation wide prohibition resolution today by a rising vote. Forty-seven senators voted for the house amendment and eight against the amendment. The amendment to the resolution as adopted by the house and today concurred in by the senate allows seven years for the states to adopt the amendment instead of six, as provided for in the original resolution.

This places the responsibility of making the nation dry upon the several states. The president's approval is not required and the state legislatures may act as soon as they please after the signatures of the vice president and Speaker Clark have been attached to the resolution.

Senator Sheppard, author of the resolution, predicts that the required number of states will adopt the amendment and the nation will soon be made dry.

MAKING LEASES MAY LEAD TO OIL BOOM

There is considerable activity here caused by parties seeking oil leases on land around Ballinger. Several local citizens have recently become interested and are out after leases. The Ballinger Printing Co. have just turned out quite a batch of blank lease contracts, and it begins to look like something may develop.

The leasing of fifty thousand acres of land by an Oklahoma oil man recently, and the announcement made that he would sink a deep well, no doubt is responsible for the activity for procuring leases.

It is rumored that a local company will be formed for the purpose of sinking a test well. Those who are interested in seeing the matter tested out may be induced to put up the cash for the purpose of bringing on outfit here.

R. J. Queen of the Winters country, had business in Ballinger Tuesday, making the return trip on Brooks fast jitney line.

W. A. Nance 393 NIGHT PHONES Henry Jones 556

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We are building a dust proof paint shop and guarantee our work to be good as any one can do. If you are figuring on having your car painted let us figure with you—we have a man that knows how.

Everready Storage Battery Station and an Expert Battery Man.

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.

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

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P. S. We will take \$435.00 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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WACO REDUCES POLICE FORCE.

Waco has reduced her police force from 53 to 38 since prohibition was adopted, making a saving of twelve to fourteen thousand dollars a year on the one item. And that in the face of the fact that her population has been doubled by the location of an army cantonment near the city. Prohibition not only saves money, but of vastly more profit it saves the lives and characters of thousands of human beings.—Abilene Reporter.

And if prohibition is good for



THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from eight and other names. Dr. E. W. Hall, 208 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv. 6

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the county it is good for the whole state, and if it is good for the whole nation. Here's hoping the states will ratify the action of congress and put over a nation wide dry bill that will make it impossible for San Angelo to get her morning toddy. Let's make the coming generation a sober generation. We will need sober men after the war.

DO YOU WANT THE KAISER'S PICTURE

The stricter rules of the United States Post Office Department are not always lived up to punctiliously by employees of the smaller and more remote post offices. Thus when a window clerk in a western city was instructed by his superior to write and hang a notice concerning a certain war advance, this is what he produced: "Don't kick on Postage! Better Pay a Little More than have the Kaiser's Picture on Your Stamps."—Sweetwater Reporter. The loyal American may kick at increased postage and grudgingly pay the cost of the war, but the true American will continue to dig up until his all is gone before he will surrender to the kaiser. What will money be worth to us, if the kaiser wins? That's the question that should cause us to help with our cash, while the young man is helping with both his cash and life.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ayeoek came in Sunday from Andrews, accompanying Mr. Ayeoek's parents home on a visit.

ABOUT THOSE CHILDREN OF YOURS

One word to the women of America who live peaceful lives in happy homes.

Let us draw a picture for you of a scene at Evian, in France. Six hundred and eighty Belgian children are leaving a train—thin, sickly, from four to twelve years of age—children of men who refused to work for the Germans and of mothers who let their children go rather than to let them starve. They are pouring off the train, little ones clinging to the older ones, girls all crying, boys trying to cheer. They have come all the long way alone. On the platform are the Red Cross workers to meet them. Those children who can walk at all march along crying. "Meat, meat, we are going to have meat." Their little claw-like hands are significant.

Two such trains pull into Evian every day.

Another picture—it appeared in the illustrated papers recently. It showed an English widow with her eight children and the wording underneath ran as follows: "If the mother recovers from her injuries she will have six less mouths to feed—a bomb squashed their poor little home to pieces."

Do you care to see a picture of Italian life where women and children are marched in front of the German army in order that the Italian soldiers may kill them if they fire?

Would you care to think of such scenes as are described in these words:—"All along the Piave River (in Italy) last night we could hear the screams of women in the hands of the Germans?"

Women of America, it is to save your children from such a fate that you are asked to economize and save and loan to the government all the money you can.

We hope our brave boys and our allies will prevent the Germans from ever reaching our shores, but even so, don't you want to help fight for the poor children of Belgium, France and Italy. Does not your mother's heart cry out to you to do your share.

Start saving now, and tell your husband to start saving now for the next Liberty Loan.

Come let us show you Missourians. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 17-1f

WAR TALK!



German Intrigue German Propaganda

Hear Congressman Blanton At The Queen Theatre, Ballinger Wednesday, Dec. 19th, 10:30 a. m.

Mr. Blanton has a message that every American should hear, and a message that will make the slackers stand up and take notice.

Ladies Are Urged To Be Present

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.

Telephone No. 317

Ballinger Insurance Agency OFFICE WITH BENNETT ABSTRACT COMPANY

T. J. Gardner, Mgr.

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

Grocery Headquarters

We handle only honest groceries of first quality. And in addition to that, we consider each customer a personal friend and treat him as such.

Reach for the phone this morning, and we'll deliver your order in time for lunch

L. B. Stubbs Two Phones 93 and 94. Auto Delivery

Phone Us For Your GROCERIES

We're as close to you as your telephone and we give you the same personal, courteous service that you would get if you came to our store yourself. We have but one price to all.

Ring us up next time you're in a hurry for groceries of any kind and we'll deliver promptly.

Miller Mercantile Company Phones 66 and 77

PRAYERS ON THE NILE.

(Note:—Readers will remember that there is a band of Armenian refugees at Cairo, on the Nile). In the land of the ancient Thothmes, When Vesper ends the day, A band of exiles saved from death— Orphans, widows kneel to pray.

Under the palms in the evening, What do the children say? Curse the brutes that took their homes? For vengeance do they pray.

No. The Nile might hear the whisper Of orphans prayers to God— Prayers for an unknown people; A land they never trod.

"God bless the land that sends us food Across the western sea." God bless their flag, and bless their homes, O, happy may they be!"

Often in vain have ascended, Eloquent, earnest prayers— Prayers of the wise and the prudent, And nobler drest than theirs.

But somehow I think the Master, Who loved the children's smile; Somehow I think Jehovah Will hear the prayers on the Nile. —Ulmer Bird.

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.

I'M GOING TO THE WAR.

I am going to join the colors, And fight for Uncle Sam; To whip old Ho-hen-zellers, That naughty scamp, I am.

I'll join the aviators, And quickly learn to fly. Then take by plane to the battle front And drop bombs from the sky.

I'll make the kaiser Billie Just think a thing or two, And wish he had not bothered Our own Red, White and Blue.

To-day I saw my Sweetheart, The tear was in her eye, So tenderly she says to me, 'Tis sad to say good-bye, But ever think of you; How glad I am to have a heart That loves his country too. —Thos. S. Thompson, Puckett School.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears the Signature of J. C. Hatch

A. P. Luckett and wife of Miles were in Ballinger Sunday visiting relatives.



Carl Woods was in Ballinger a short while Saturday on his way from Camp Bowie to his home in Millersview on furlough.

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

Building Material Is High

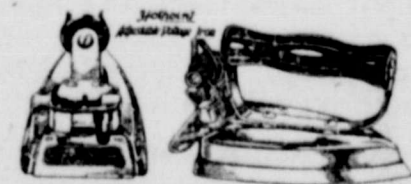
But it is to your interest to let us figure on the bill, whether large or small. The saving is worth while. We carry a complete stock and can deliver promptly.

Ballinger Lumber Company

The High Cost of Living

is a serious question these days. You can help solve this question by trading with us. Fresh Meats, prompt deliveries and courteous treatment is our motto. Phone 126

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Phone 31

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Don't send your order for Printing, Stationery, Loose Leaf Covers, Loose Leaf and Blanks Away

We Can Print Them For You.

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The Ballinger Printing Company

A. B. C. TRENCH TALK CONTINUED

D
D. C. M.—Distinguished Conduct Medal.
Digging In—Making a trench or

other protection while under fire.
Ditty Box or Bag—Navy term. Receptacle for holding odds and ends.
Dizzies—Sugar loaf mounds at points where communicating trenches widen.
Doing A Bit—Any service of the war.

Dolly Varden—British name for German helmet.
Doloi! Doloi! (Russian)—'Down! Down!' Corresponds to French "A bas."
Doughboy—An infantryman.
Dud—Originally a spent shell. Now applied to any false alarm.
Drum Fire—Uninterrupted firing. Called by Germans Trommelfeuer.

F
D. S. O.—Distinguished Service Order.
Duffle Bag—A clothes bag.
Dugout—An underground shelter against shells or bombs.

Egg—A German bomb, so called from its resemblance to an ostrich egg.
Embusque—A slacker.
En Permission—On leave.
Escadrille—Unit of organization of the French flying corps.
Estaminet—A small French saloon or public house.
Etat Des Pertes—Casualty list.
Ettre Attige—French slang meaning to be wounded.
Evacuation Hospital—A type of field hospital just back of the lines.
Evening Hate—The methodical evening bombardment by the Germans.
(More Tomorrow.)

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.

MANY HERE TO HEAR BLANTON

On account of a misunderstanding in dates, quite a number came to Ballinger Tuesday morning to hear Congressman Blanton speak. His speaking date was advertised as Tuesday, Dec. 19, when it should have been Wednesday 19. Congressman Blanton will arrive in the city tonight or early in

the morning and will speak at the Queen Theatre at ten thirty o'clock. R. W. Bruce will accompany Mr. Blanton to Paint Rock immediately after the speaking here, where the congressman will speak at one-thirty in the afternoon.

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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Daily Ledger Want Ads

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

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FOR SALE—\$100 Phonograph for \$75. City Drug Store. 18-46-pd.
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GOING BACK IN BUSINESS JAN. 1

"Mrs. Wood and I are going to open up a grocery store again," said W. B. Wood Tuesday, "and we expect to be ready for business by January 1st."

Mr. Wood stated that he had rented the lower story of the Harrison building on Eighth Street and would begin at once getting things ready to again engage in the grocery business. He announces that he will put a new stock, complete, out and out in every line, carrying a full line of staple and fancy groceries and high grade fruits.

"We expect to make it the interest of the people to trade with us," said Mr. Wood, "because we will do no credit business and suffer no losses, and we will not run a delivery wagon. We will make it to the interest of those who buy in large quantities to trade with us, and where quantity justifies it we will deliver the goods."

In re-opening his business Mr. Wood invites all his old customers and friends to remember him when they want the best to be had in new fresh groceries at the lowest possible price. 18-d&w2t

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.

NOTICE OF STOCK-HOLDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co. of Ballinger, Texas, will meet at the Banking House of said bank in Ballinger, Texas, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors for the ensuing year and any other business that might come before it.

Chas. S. Miller, President.
18-24-2

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

DIZZY SPELLS

Relieved After Taking Two Bottles Of Cardui, Says Tennessee Lady.

Whitwell, Tenn.—Mrs. G. P. Cartwright, of this place, writes: "About four years ago the dizzy spells got so bad that when I would start to walk I would just pretty near fall. I wasn't past doing my work, but was very much run-down."

I told my husband I thought Cardui would help me, as a lady who lived next door to me had taken a great deal, and told me to try it. This was when we were living in Kentucky.

My husband got me a bottle and I took it according to directions. It helped me so much that he went back and got me another bottle. I got a whole lot better and just quit taking it. I got over the dizzy spells... I took no other medicine at that time nor since for this trouble. No, I've never regretted taking Cardui.

I felt just fine when I finished the second bottle.
Purely vegetable, mild and gentle in its action, Cardui, the woman's tonic, may be the very medicine you need. If you suffer from symptoms of female troubles, give Cardui a trial. All druggists. NC-128

J. R. Fielder, manager of the Hardin lumber yard at Winters, was here on business Tuesday.

NOTICE.
Old fashioned corn meal and Graham flour, fresh every day. Bring your grain and give us a trial.
Ballinger Corn and Feed Mill
109 N 12th Street
North of Day Gin.

We are making a cut on over half of our stock of Christmas goods to cost and less. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 17-4f.

Diek Trail of Paint Rock returned from Dallas Saturday, after spending a few days at the State Bankers Meeting there.



Undertaking Goods Licensed Embalmers

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NOTICE

Interest Coupons on United States Government Bonds of **FIRST LIBERTY LOAN** was due and payable on Dec. 15th, 1917. If you desire to collect interest present your **FIRST LIBERTY LOAN BOND** and we will clip the coupon and pay same without expense to you.

Clip your Coupon and re-invest in War Savings or Thrift Stamps.

We will gladly furnish information concerning War Savings and Thrift Stamps. We have on hand a liberal supply of stamps and cards. These will be the most acceptable and appropriate Christmas Gifts.

Every facility of this bank is at the disposal of our Government without cost.

The **First National Bank** Of Ballinger
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There is nothing that makes money go further than exercising care and thought before spending a dollar.

The best way to exercise this care is to open a checking account, which enables you to keep close track of every dollar paid out.

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August 24, 1917

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American Expeditionary Force in France

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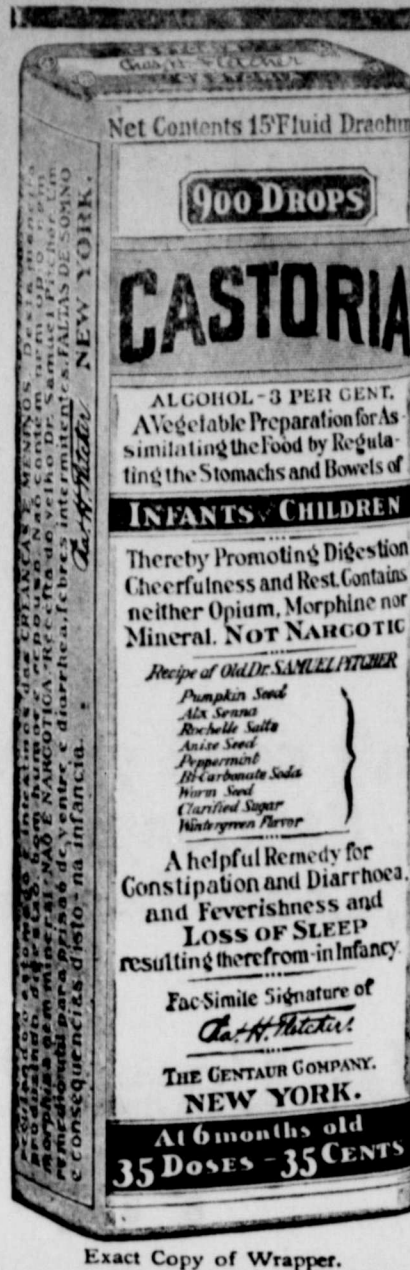
THE UNRAFTED ARMY

To the civilian American who feels a keen desire to be represented as directly as possible in his country's service the Red Cross brings an appeal of peculiar force. For the Red Cross worker comes into the closest contact with the actual struggle that is possible to any save the soldier himself. On the heels of death and destruction he presses so closely in his mission of mercy as to be almost a part of the battle. His are the hands that first minister to the shattered body; his the ears that hear the last faint message of many a parting soul. Through the further help of these brothers and sisters of the Novitiate of Pain, life after life is drawn back from the borderland; cleanliness and comfort and trained care lessen the anguish, or, when death must be, makes easier the passing. To our boys when they land on foreign soil the hand of greeting is held out; as they travel from place to place comforts are provided. The scarred and broken remnant of a people scourged by a ruthless devastation—the aged and the women and the pitifully helpless children to whom our longing sympathy goes out, the Red Cross ministers to these in our stead.

In all this and measureless other service these workers are a vital and omnipresent force. We who are left at home may work by proxy through them. We can keep them there and send others, with our money, the least precious possession that men and women are being called on to give up. Our dollars can take us there in spirit and represent us in accomplishment. The little red button is the badge of enlistment in the Army of the Unrafted; the outward symbol of the pledge to serve.

Won't you join the Red Cross during the Christmas membership drive, which begins Dec. 17? Or, better still, send in your \$1 for membership now and then enlist as a solicitor for other memberships in the Christmas drive. It is your duty to do this, and it is a God-given privilege.

Humanity is calling, and if you are human you will respond. Act now!



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NOT TO USE CANDLES
IN RED CROSS SERVICE

The Ballinger Red Cross Chapter has been notified to change its plan for display Red Cross Service Flags on Christmas Eve. The original plan was to place a lighted candle behind a Red Cross flag in the window of your home on Christmas Eve night, but on account of danger of fire from such a plan, The National Red Cross officers have sent out a notice asking that the flags be displayed from the windows by keeping the room well lighted. The following statement tells the whole story of the change:

"The plan of the National Red Cross in the beginning was to have a lighted candle placed behind each service flag on Christmas Eve, but the insurance companies have raised objection that this would increase the fire risk materially. So we are requesting that instead of using lighted candles behind the paper service flags the people will leave their shades up and have the room well lighted. The flags are transparent and will show through very nicely in this way.

"And when you turn on your lights at 7 o'clock on Christmas Eve, remember that in fifteen million homes all over the United States this same custom is being observed. And that over in the trenches at that hour many, many boys' hearts are being made glad when the cable is received that 15,000,000 American people are behind the 'men behind the guns.'"

"Mrs. J. H. M'Kee, Chairman."

HAS GOOD TIME VISITING HIS KIN FOLKS

W. L. Allen and family, of Glen Cove, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from a visit to relatives on the border. Mr. Allen and family were traveling in an auto, and had their car decorated with bob cat, coyote, badger, and other pelts, and a big buck tied on each side of the car, all of which he says represented the good time he had visiting his kin folks. The game were killed just over the border line from Webb county, near Laredo. Mr. Allen said all kinds of game were plentiful where he hunted.

His display of game attracted considerable attention during a short stop here.

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

Christmas Spirit Leaks
Out at Camp Travis

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as they like. The same is true on Wednesday afternoons. There is so much to learn that all the other time of the soldiers is practically taken up in training. Christmas furloughs will be very few and given only in exceptional cases. War is no respecter of holidays or feast days and every moment must count for advancement in the making of a soldier.



T. L. Eubanks of the Winters country, is visiting his brother E. M. Eubanks.

Prices cut to smithereens on vacs, pipe sets, wall racks, china ware, and a hundred other things. Pearce Drug Store. 17-1f.

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Make It A Red Cross Christmas. Among those who realize from European experience the war started the urgent need of virtually universal Red Cross membership in this country is Dr. Henry Van Dyke, of Princeton, formally Minister to the Netherlands. Dr. Van Dyke makes this appeal under the caption: "A Red Cross Christmas to Those Who Feel Poor."

something to spare. "Though we feel poor don't let us feel impoverished by selfish fear. "Let us save in food, in service, in clothes, in luxuries, but not in money. "Let us use that by giving it to save the wounded, the suffering, our friends, our country. "Let us keep Christmas this year by keeping up the Red Cross. "Then it will not be a poor Christmas, but a rich Christmas to our hearts."

Mrs. Ada Truly and two children, came in from Midland Sunday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Truly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory.

FOR SALE—CHEAP.

An Iron Safe that cost \$62.50 one year ago delivered in Ballinger, would cost \$75.00 now. This safe is offered for one-half price, \$31.25 is taken at once. It is suitable for office or store—a chance to save money and get a good safe at half price. Call on or 'phone me.

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TWO OBJECTS ARE SOUGHT
IN FRENCH RELIEF WORK

The American Red Cross assumes that the work done by the organization with the French must fill fundamentally two requirements:

First—That all activities contribute to the successful conduct of the war.

Second—That they relieve suffering caused by the war.

Work done with the civil population may have a more important bearing on the military situation even than work done with the forces, for men in the field will be able to carry out their work better with the knowledge that those left at home are being taken care of.

If the American people can get a real picture of the misery among those who have been and are being driven out of their homes and dumped in poverty upon other parts of the country, oftentimes ill or mutilated, they will gladly do all in their power to help.

Everyone cannot "go across" and fight, but everyone can "come across" with a membership in the Red Cross, and thus help those who do fight.

Suffering humanity in many nations is calling to us for help. We can help through the Red Cross.