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## 5 CONVICTED ON CHARGES CONSPIRACY

Detroit, Dec. 22.—Albert Karl Katschmidt and four accomplices were found guilty here today of conspiracy in connection with pro-German dynamite plots.

## OVER 1000 NEW RED CROSS MEMBERS

The Red Cross membership drive, which comes to a close Monday night, is being pushed vigorously all over Rumsels county. The latest reports received here of the work on Thursday and Friday brings the total number of new members added during this campaign up to a little over a thousand. Winters is leading the county by a big majority, having reported 495 new members at the close of Friday's campaign, while Ballinger ranks second with a total of 315.

Some of the towns in the county have not made a report as yet, and no reports of Saturday's work have been received. During Thursday and Friday, 190 new members were added in Ballinger, 495 in Winters, and 94 in Miles, making a total for these two days of 779. These with the number reported Wednesday bring the total number reported in the county up to 1019.

### Sunday Schools to Aid In Work.

Dallas, Texas,  
"E. D. Walker,  
Ballinger, Texas:  
"Arouse Sunday Schools to make great drive for Red Cross members tomorrow through house to house visits. Get in touch with local chairman.

Wole Bradford, and Wiggins,  
"Texas Sunday School Ass'n."

The above telegram was received in Ballinger Saturday urging the people to take up the Red Cross campaign through the Sunday Schools. The work will be taken up tomorrow in all the schools in Ballinger, and an effort will be made to secure new members in this way.

## STRIKE AT HOUSTON IS CALLED OFF

Houston, Dec. 22.—The oil workers strike has been settled and the union has voted off the strike, effective Christmas Eve. It is understood that the mediators practically forced the settlement. The terms of the settlement will be given out in Washington Christmas Eve.

Dan Mowrey arrived in Ballinger Saturday at noon from Denton, where he has been attending school, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mowrey.

C. F. Reasoner of the Talpa country and W. L. Lollar and Tom Puckett, of the Wilmett country, were looking after business affairs in the city Friday afternoon.

## SCHOOL KIDDIES TO GET WEEK HOLIDAY

Seven or eight hundred school children were made happy shortly after noon Friday when they were told that there would be no school next week. School dismissed for the holidays, and the children were turned loose with instructions to report for duty Monday morning, December 31st.

As a Christmas present most of the children received their report cards showing that they had made the required grades to entitle them to advance to the next grade. Of course there were some who did not come under the line and who failed to get the promotion certificate.

Quite a number of the teachers left for different points to spend the holidays, while some will while away the time at home.

The first half of the term has been very successful and school will open for the last half of the term with promising prospects of a successful finish. The graduation class promises to be a large one, but that all depends on how the seniors buckle down to business on the home stretch.

See to It That One of These Flags Is in Your Front Window Christmas Eve



A RED CROSS SERVICE FLAG will be furnished every person who joins the Red Cross in the big Christmas Membership Drive which is now on. It is hoped that each home in the Southwest will display the flag in a front window Christmas eve between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock p. m.

## PEOPLE WARNED AGAINST PNEUMONIA

This is the time of the year to guard against pneumonia. In the Texas army camps many soldiers have recently died from pneumonia which started as a mild case of measles or an ordinary cold. Infants are especially susceptible to this disease. In some cities one-third of all deaths of infants under two years are caused by pneumonia.

Pneumonia is most likely to occur, and to end fatally, in children whose vital resistance has been lowered. It often follows measles, whooping cough, diphtheria.

Pneumonia is a dangerous, contagious disease. But it can be prevented.

The best method of protection is to keep your child well nourished and gaining steadily in weight. Fresh air is all important. Crowded, over-heated rooms are bad. Help the city provide better housing conditions for those less fortunate than yourself.

Don't let your child become suddenly chilled, or allow his feet to stay wet and cold after he stops exercising. Don't let him breathe dusty air. Be sure to keep him away from persons who have "colds," or other possible diseases of the throat or lungs.

### CONVALESCING NICELY.

The many friends of Miss Myrtle Mangum will be glad to know she is convalescing very nicely from a recent operation at the Halley & Love sanitarium. Her brother, Dr. T. E. Mangum is here at her bedside.

### BABY GIRL.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stroble are rejoicing over the arrival of a sweet 10-pound baby girl which came to bless and brighten their home Friday night, December 21.

Judge T. F. Crosson returned home Thursday night from East Texas, where he had been to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, and while gone visited his son, Edwin, at Houston.

## TAX COLLECTIONS COMING IN SLOW

The poll tax payers must pay up at the rate of 100 per day for every business day through the month of January, if the usual poll tax payments are made. Tax Collector Chastain reports that out of more than 3600 assessed on 846 polls had been paid up to Friday night.

Out of more than \$159,000 tax money now due only \$53,000 had been paid up to Friday night, leaving amount to be collected of over \$100,000. The tax bill is one that is expensive to put off until after Feb. 1st, for on that date the ten per cent penalty goes on and a poll tax receipt issued after the 31st of January is not good as a passport at the voting booth.

In the two Ballinger voting boxes only 82 polls have been issued, out of nearly 800 assessed. Winters leads with 109 polls paid and Miles comes second with 93.

E. J. Handley of the Norton-Maverick country, passed through the city Friday afternoon en route to Stephenville and Hico, where he goes to look after a bunch of horses he has on pasturage in that section.

Joe Turner, who had been looking after his cattle interests in South Texas the past several months, returned home Friday night to spend the holidays with home folks and friends.

Gus Noyes was in from his ranch Friday greeting friends and looking after business interests.

Wyatt Romines, who was a local cotton buyer this winter left Saturday to visit his brother at Brownwood for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Mason and baby left Saturday morning to visit Brownwood friends during Christmas.

E. F. Jackson came in from the east Friday night to visit and look after business interests in Ballinger a few days.

## FIERCE BATTLE RAGING IN STREETS PETROGRAD

### U. S. FIGHTS WITH PROPAGANDA OF TRUTH

By Carl D. Groat.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The United States is using a new and subtle weapon in warring against Germany—a propaganda of truth. Nightly, there is a battle in the air—a struggle of huge wireless apparatus, centering at Sayville, L. I., Nauen, Germany, and Lyons, France, while at the same time cables buzz with messages intended for foreign consumption.

Formerly, it was the Nauen station that spread misleading propaganda as to Teuton purposes. Now the Sayville station under American control is shooting forth truthful messages to offset this insidious matter, sending to France for relay to Russia and elsewhere.

Finding that Germany was out-manuevering all the allies and the United States in malicious propaganda, this government determined on a definite campaign of education, and to date has labored chiefly in converting Russia, Rumania, Austria, and Switzerland to America's side.

Perhaps the most startling attempt of any—though not so lauded—was the president's message to congress. In this, the president sought to wean Austria from the German side, as officials view it today, while at the same time he appealed to German liberals to overturn Hohenzollernism.

The government has enlisted the aid of banished Germans in Switzerland, men who favor a republic, to help spread this doctrine into Germany, while as in the past allied fliers will drop copies in German over the Teuton trenches.

With the Russian situation, the administration has difficulty in communication, in as much as the Bolshevik control the main arteries of the Moscow and Petrograd. However, constant news matter showing the American viewpoint is being sent to Russia via France, and is being distributed as best it may. The American military attaches, apparently acting under Ambassador Francis' individual instructions have undertaken independent propaganda there, but apparently with boomerang results.

Switzerland, a hotbed of German propaganda was being flooded with evil tales about American intentions, but this has been offset by an official communication to Switzerland showing there will be no overruling of Swiss neutrality. Meantime Rumania is being heartened by promises of American aid and actual contributions in the way of loans.

### COLLEGE GIRLS ENROUTE HOME MAKE MERRY

A dozen or more college girls en route to their homes from the College of Industrial Arts at Denton made merry at the Santa Fe station Friday. While the train was making the usual stop the young ladies lined up on the pavement outside the coach and gave a few college yells and sang a few college songs that attracted the travelers. Among the college lassies were the following, most of whom live at San Angelo: Misses Gertrude Chambers, Mary E. Tisdale, Thelma Turner, Ruby DeLong, Lucile Hale, Sibyl Jones, Kate D. Hill, Gladys Halley, Tommy Mayes, Mary McKingth, Marie Lowes, Mary McKnight, Marie Low-DeWitt were members of the party, but stopped off here to visit home folks.

Miss Retha Chambers, who teaches in the Miles Public Schools, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route to Abilene to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Shores of Lawton, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route to Brownwood, where they will make their home in the future. Mrs. Shores is a sister of Mrs. R. L. Sides of this city.

Uncle Johnnie Fox, one of the substantial pioneer citizens of Pony Creek and the Lon Mapes boys of the same neighborhood, were shopping in Ballinger Friday afternoon.

Stockholm, Dec. 22.—Reports received here from Petrograd state that a great battle is in progress in the streets of Petrograd. Four army corps were ordered by the Bolsheviks to leave the city, but the orders were refused. The Bolsheviks have sent other troops against the rebels.

The situation in Russia continues obscure, although such reports as are coming through indicate that the Bolsheviks are losing ground in the face of opposition that is being imposed by the Ukrainians and the followers of General Kaledines. The Bolshevik commissioners are declared to have declined to accept the negative reply of the Ukrainian Rada to the Bolshevik demand that the Ukrainians cease aiding the Kaledines forces and be given the opportunity to reconsider its action. As indicating that the Rada has finally declined to give heed to the dictates of the Bolsheviks is a report that a definite alliance has been formed between Kaledines' followers and the Ukrainians.

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—The Ukrainian troops have taken up positions along the border of their province against the Bolsheviks, and all of the Ukrainian Cossacks have been ordered mobilized.

London, Dec. 21.—The Rada, the governing body of the Ukraine, apparently is maintaining its determined stand toward the Bolshevik government. It is reported that it has converted its sympathies with the movement of General Kaledines, the Cossack leader, into a definite alliance.

Advices received from Russia are to the effect that the Bolshevik commissioner arted receiving the Rada's rejection of the Bolshevik ultimatum sent another one, giving the Ukraine a further forty-eight hours in which to reconsider its refusal to acquiesce in the demands of the Bolshevik government.

Another report received here says that Odessa now has definitely gone over to the side of the Ukraine. Details of the capture of Rostov-on-Don printed in Petrograd show there were six days' fighting before the Cossacks entered the town last Saturday. The Red Guards lost 800 men killed and 1000 wounded in the fighting. The Cossacks gave short shift to the Red Guards, whom they hate. The Bolshevik chiefs fled from the town on board warships. The cruiser Kolvida (Kolehida) grounded in the river and was destroyed by the Cossack artillery.

There has been no important fighting at Nakhichevan, province of the Don, where the Bolshevik troops have fraternized with the Cossacks. A clash has occurred between the Bolshevik and Ukrainian at Bolgard, Rossarabia. The town is on fire.

Miss Erma Dickinson, who is attending the T. C. School at Ft. Worth came in at noon to spend Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Dickinson.

E. M. Burrow of the Hatchell country, passed through Ballinger Saturday at noon en route to San Angelo on a short business trip.

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W. Sledge Editor

Bob Crockett, of the Norton country, F. F. Clayton of the Talpasection and Dee Oliver and G. F. Crim, of the Valley Creek country, representative citizens of their respective sections, were looking after business affairs and supplying in Ballinger Friday afternoon.

H. Seipp, the one-horse farmer of the Maverick country, and E. E. Trammell, of the same neighborhood, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday. Mr. Trammell was here to meet his wife and little daughter, who were en route home from a visit to relatives in East Texas.

Rev. Williams of Abilene was in Ballinger Saturday between trains enroute to San Angelo.

Dr. W. W. Mitchell, the Norton physician, was greeting friends and transacting business in Ballinger Friday afternoon.



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At The Methodist Church. Sunday school at 9:45, with Christmas offering by the children at 10:30.

Christmas sermon by the pastor at 11:00. Subject "A Sight Worth Seeing."

Special Christmas anthems by the choir. League at 6:00 p. m., with a Christmas program led by Miss Ona Hartman.

At 7:00 p. m. the choir will sing the Christmas cantata "King of Kings"

The following is the program: "Voluntary Shepherd Hail the Wondrous Stranger"—By The Choir Invocation—By The Pastor

Pastorale—Mrs. Elmer Simpson

Chorus—"Sing O Sing This Blessed Morn"—By The Choir

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Chorus—"The Annunciation"—By The Choir

Solo—"No Room In the Inn"—Elmer Simpson

Carol—"While Shepherds Watched"—By The Choir

Solo (Recitative)—"Now When Jesus Was Born"—Mrs. Morgan Jones

Solo—"Brightest and Best"—Mrs. C. P. Shepherd

Carol—"From the Eastern Mountains"—By The Choir

Solo—"Saw You Never in the Twilight"—Mrs. Vivian Woodward

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Sunday school 9:45 a. m.

Subject for Sunday a. m. "Recruits Wanted."

Dr. T. E. Mangum of Hamlin will occupy the pulpit at 7 p. m. Sunday. Everybody cordially invited to attend all these services.

Weekly prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m.

TEN MILLION AMERICANS are invited to join the American Red Cross during the week ending with Christmas Eve. The times require that every branch of our great national effort shall be loyally upheld and it is peculiarly fitting that at the Christmas Season the Red Cross should be the branch through which your willingness to help is expressed.

You should join the American Red Cross because it alone can carry the pledges of Christmas good-will to those who are bearing for us the real burdens of the world war both in our own Army and Navy and in the nations upon whose territory the issues of the world are being fought out. Your evidence of faith in this work is necessary for their heartening and cheer.

You should join the Red Cross because this arm of the National Service is steadily and efficiently maintaining its overseas relief in every suffering land, administering our millions wisely and well, and awakening the gratitude of every people.

Our consciences will not let us enjoy the Christmas Season if this pledge of support to our cause and the world's weal is left unfulfilled. Red Cross membership is the Christmas spirit in terms of action.

(Signed) WOODROW WILSON, President of the American Red Cross.

Subject at 11:00 a. m. "The Kingship of Jesus."

The evening service is an unusual program presented by the Sunbeams and will illustrate the scripture "A Little Child Shall Lead Them."

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.

It is specially urged that the 11 o'clock service be an "every member present" service, since the token of a happy Christmas fellowship will be presented by the pastor to every member. Do not fail to be present for your Christmas gift.

Rev. Morgan, Pastor.

8th Street Presbyterian Church

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.—A. W. Sledge superintendent.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.

Messages in keeping with the season.

Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p. m.

Everybody invited.

J. H. King, Minister in Charge.

First Christian Church.

Sunday school 10 a. m.

RED CROSS RUSHED HELP TO STRICKEN IN HALIFAX HORROR

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Doctors and Nurses Accompany Specials Sent From New York and Boston—Care Provided for Destitute.

More evidence of the prompt dispatch with which the American Red Cross, which opens its Christmas membership drive for 2,000,000 more members in the Southwest division Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve, rushes relief to the stricken in the Halifax disaster. Twelve hours after an explosion of munitions aboard a vessel in the harbor had exacted a toll of 4,000 men, women and children dead and as many more injured and maimed special relief trains left New York and Boston, carrying aid to the injured and destitute.

Immediate Relief Steps. Immediately following receipt of news of the holocaust in Washington the Military Relief and Civilian Relief departments of the Red Cross were in telegraphic communication with their representatives at the scene of the disaster, and with the Red Cross workers in New York and Boston were making ready the relief trains. Aboard the relief trains were nurses and doctors connected with the Public Safety Committee of the state of Massachusetts, all of whom had experience at the Salem and Chelsea fires a few years ago. The special train which left New York, flying the Red Cross flag and marked "Relief for Halifax" consisted of four baggage cars and coach. There was one carload of food, two and one-half carloads of clothing and one-half carload of surgical supplies. Rush Food and Clothing. Among the specific relief supplies rushed to Halifax were 10,000 blankets, 500 cots, 100 cases of clothing, cotton, 20 cases of bandages, slip pillow cases, 10,000 sweaters, 5,000 socks, warm clothes for children, coffee, canned soup, condensed milk, flour, 60 cases of surgical supplies and 20 cases of disinfectant. An entire base hospital, with nurses, doctors and full equipment, accompanied the train from Boston. This base hospital had 800 beds. As soon as it was known that a great disaster had taken place officials of the Red Cross got in touch with Nova Scotia authorities. The following telegram was sent to the Mayor of Halifax: "American Red Cross is ready and anxious to render service and assistance. Will you indicate what is most needed and most practical that we might do?" 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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Communion 11 a. m. Special Program 7:30 p. m. Children's chorus and special recitations by the Junior members of Sunday school. Christmas stockings for every child—we invite you to attend. Free will offering for Red Cross.

9th Street Baptist Church. Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 11:00 by Rev. Arnett of Simmons College. A special musical program is to be rendered Sunday evening, beginning at 7 o'clock, program to include quartet, duet, vocal and violin solos, readings and selections by Mrs. Cornelius' orchestra. Everybody is most cordially invited.

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.

\$900,000 MORE IS GIVEN TO NEAR EAST RELIEF The War Council of the American Red Cross announces the appropriation of an additional \$900,000 for relief work in the Near East, through the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief. This appropriation is to cover relief work for the remainder of the war and makes a total of \$1,800,000 which the Red Cross has appropriated in Western Asia. The committee is carrying on relief work not only in Asia Minor and portions of Armenia and Syria in the Ottoman empire, but also in a large section of Armenia, Russian Caucasus, Persia and Mesopotamia and portions of Egypt into which the refugees have fled in large numbers.

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Mrs. James left Friday afternoon for San Antonio to spend the holidays with Mr. James in the U. S. army camps, near that place.

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Mrs. W. B. Halley and nephew, Charlie Bailey, left Friday afternoon to visit relatives at Dallas during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. W. E. Barbee and little son and daughter Miss Cola, left Friday afternoon for Caldwell, to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Sam Waring, a pioneer stock man of Eden, passed through Ballinger Friday en route to Brownwood, to investigate the oil situation for a few days.

Miss Elsie Ebling, who is attending school in our city, left Friday afternoon for Marble Falls to spend the holidays with her parents and friends.

Frank Stuart left Friday afternoon for San Antonio and will spend a few days there with his son, Will, in camps near that city.

Mrs. W. A. Breedlove, the milliner, left Friday to visit her daughter at Fort Worth during the holidays.

Constable Ben F. Allen left Friday afternoon for Cameron to visit relatives and friends during Christmas.

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M. F. Treadwell returned home Saturday morning from a short business trip to San Angelo.

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In its Christmas membership drive for 2,000,000 new members in the Southwest division, comprising the states of Missouri, Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, the American Red Cross appeals not for charity, but for patriotism of an undivided people.

### Aid for America's Sons.

Up to the present time the Red Cross has gone to the front for all peoples combating a ruthless autocracy unprecedented in the annals of mankind. Today it is engaged in recruiting its wonderful resources to aid the millions of men America is assembling for the decisive battle in the trenches, in the air and on the seas.

"Charity begins at home" is a time-worn, trite axiom. But, brought up to date, it finds a real meaning in the support for this country's fighters and those they leave behind.

The millions who find protection under the Stars and Stripes are now offered an opportunity to do real service to the nation and the boys who will fight for them against the evil which menaces the very foundation of this free government.

### Service is Awaiting All.

The War Council of the American Red Cross has decided that a great national purpose will be served by having membership in the Red Cross at least as universal as citizenship. Although pledged as a nation to the national purpose during this crisis, it will not be granted to a large percentage of American men, women and children to play a part in the fighting branch of our country's service. All, however, can be identified, through membership in the Red Cross, which in this case, when entire nations are organized for warfare, is big enough and strong enough to carry some of the burden for our soldiers, for our sailors and our allies.

America's struggle is one of Men, Money, Material and Mercy. Men supply the military force. Money represents the means by which the army and navy are supplied. Material consists of guns, ammunition, uniforms and supplies. Mercy—the Red Cross

### Morale Vital Factor.

Comfort kits, sweaters, wristlets and bandages go far in promoting the welfare of Uncle Sam's fighters, but the greatest stimulant to the army's morale is concrete evidence of American citizenship's unity by an addition of 2,000,000 members to the American Red Cross in the Southwest by Christmas Eve.

No sacrifice an American can make here at home can compensate the father, son or brother menaced by all the perils of warfare in the trenches abroad.

Lack of proper morale has, without doubt, been largely responsible for the collapse of Russia and the crumbling of Italy's forces. No man can throw himself whole-heartedly into the business of war when devoured by the most acute anxiety as to the welfare of his loved ones at home.

More than 5,000,000 men and women already have enlisted in the ranks of the American Red Cross to minister relief to the maimed and suffering and to carry cheer and comfort to America's army and navy. In camp and cantonment, amid the roar of battle, the standard of the Red Cross challenges all forces of destruction.

Patriotism is calling to Americans to range themselves with their dollars, service and encouragement behind the men in khaki who are going forth to die, if need be, in their defense.

### MAKE THIS A RED CROSS CHRISTMAS

- It is our first Christmas in the war. Millions of our men are away from their homes, in the trenches and on the sea.
- It is our hope that on Christmas eve all members will light Christmas candles and place them in their windows behind their Red Cross service flags.
- Through this simple ceremony we shall express the close union of the Christmas spirit of service with our Red Cross symbol of mercy.
- AMERICAN RED CROSS.

## GLAD TO TESTIFY

Says Watoga Lady, "As To What Cardui Has Done For Me, So As To Help Others."

Watoga, W. Va.—Mrs. S. W. Gladwell, of this town, says: "When about 15 years of age, I suffered greatly. . . Sometimes would go a month or two, and I had terrible headache, backache, and bearing-down pains, and would just drag and had no appetite. Then . . . it would last . . . two weeks, and was so weakening, and my health was awful.

My mother bought me a bottle of Cardui, and I began to improve after taking the first bottle, so kept it up till I took three. . . I gained, and was well and strong, and I owe it all to Cardui.

I am married now and have 3 children. . . Have never had to have a doctor for female trouble, and just resort to Cardui if I need a tonic. I am glad to testify to what it has done for me, so as to help others."

If you are nervous or weak, have headaches, backaches, or any of the other ailments so common to women, why not give Cardui a trial? Recommended by many physicians. In use over 40 years. Begin taking Cardui today. It may be the very medicine you need.

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## YOU AND I AND NOW AND THEN

By Orin R. Colle, St. Louis, Mo.

One of these days there will come from "over there" a casualty list of American soldiers that will eat into your soul and my soul. Many of the boys who went "over there" to protect your honor and my honor and your freedom and my freedom will be on the list of dead. They will have given up their lives, even as the Man of Galilee, for you and for me.

NOW, and not THEN, you and I should ask ourselves, "Are we doing EVERYTHING we can to help the Army which is back of the Army? The Army Back of the Army is the great American Red Cross. The Red Cross is one of the biggest agencies for winning the war for the Allies. We are going to win the war, of course. But when? NOW is the time to consider that question, too. NOW is the time for you and for me to do EVERYTHING WE CAN for the government of the United States and for the rest of the Allies. And we ought to go to the depths of our hearts for the answer to the question: "Are we doing ALL we can?"

The American Red Cross is the very backbone of the American expeditionary forces. It cares for the soldier's family while he is away, if the family needs care; it cares for the soldier himself, both on the way to the battlefields and after he arrives there; the great American Red Cross MAKES the MORALE of not only the American forces overseas but the forces of the other Allies as well. We are going to win the war, yes, but we are not going to win it without the support of the American Red Cross.

And so, as I said before, one of these days we are going to get our first big casualty list from "over there," and your boy or your neighbor's boy will be one of the dead. THEN, with tears in our eyes and lumps in our throats, realizing at last that the boys "over there" have made the Supreme Sacrifice, realizing that they gave us LIFE by embracing DEATH, then—THEN—

But THEN will be TOO LATE. What about NOW? This is OUR hour to act, this is our hour to rally around the Red Cross; this is our hour to join that greatest of all great humanitarian organizations; this is our hour to help make a success of the Christmas membership campaign which has for its purpose the enlistment of 10,000,000 new members by Christmas eve; this is our hour to take to our hearts the Red Cross flag, the flag which stands not only for relief, not only for the care of OUR boys "over there," but also for the MORALE which is necessary for winning the war.

If YOU and I do not belong to the Red Cross we are prolonging the suffering of our boys in France, because we are prolonging the war itself.

Christmas day there will be flashed to the battlefields the inspiring message that 15,000,000 American men and women have joined the American Red Cross and have signified by that action that they are going to back up our boys in the trenches until the shot shall have been fired that will mean that the world has been saved for democracy!

Let us act NOW, not THEN, you and I.

## RED CROSS TO PREPARE CLOTHING FOR INFANTS

To help relieve the worries of fathers at the front or in the armed forces preparing to proceed there, the American Red Cross, which opens its Christmas membership drive Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve, is planning to provide every mother who may need it with an infant's layette. The Woman's Bureau has published a leaflet, available at every Red Cross chapter, describing this simple outfit of warm baby clothes.

The Red Cross is anxious that these baby clothes be made by women working at home instead of in the chapter workrooms. Members of the Junior Red Cross, little girls in the grammar grade sewing classes, have offered to help with the baby clothes, and many women in the rural districts will find these simple contributions to the winning of the great war and the comforting of motherhood and childhood.

## WOMAN WORKER IN ALASKA RAISES FUNDS FOR RELIEF

The American Red Cross has received a remittance and the following letter from a woman in a town in Alaska:

"I am sending you a money order for the amount of \$36.50, to be used for the Red Cross. I collected it from the men on two Tin Dredges here in the summer. I am the oldest white woman here and my nearest Naboer (white woman) are 50 miles from here. I have been here 10 years, without been outside, but tried to do my best to do my bit for our boys in this awful war." I had only two refusals, so consider myself lucky, and a little bit proud. Please let me know when you receive it."

## SPECIAL WAR GIFTS

Announcement is made by the Town and County Nursing Service of the American Red Cross of a series of public health nursing scholarships, donated by chapters and individuals as special war gifts.

## HOW THE RED CROSS SUPPLY DEPOTS AID THE WAR HOSPITALS

What the American Red Cross hospital supply service means in increasing the effectiveness of many of the war hospitals in France is shown in a message recently received by Dr. Harvey Cushing of Boston, in charge of a base hospital behind the British lines in France. Major Cushing wrote in part:

"I cannot tell you how cheered I was when I found how well organized the Red Cross was in Paris and what a great start you had made.

"When an American officer could actually walk into the warehouse you had taken over and find Squibb's and Mallinckrodt's ether, bathrobes, adhesive plaster, aspirin, surgical instruments, kerosene lamps, canvas sprays, aspirating needles and many other things which our camps happen to need, I for the first time began to realize what the Red Cross might be able to do for wails like ourselves over here.

"It all goes to show what an enormously important part the Red Cross will undoubtedly come to play as more persons come over and our affairs overseas get more and more complicated.

"Unquestionably countless emergencies will arise and sudden calls such as ours will be made for odd and diverse things; and I hope that we may see huge storehouses established under you where those in need can get the supplies which are absolutely essential to their work—whether it be an automobile or a hypodermic needle.

"Certainly the people at home will subscribe with their accustomed liberality to an organization of this kind and you will do as much toward winning the war as the men who carry the rifles."

## RED CROSS PLAN IS NIPPED BY NATIONAL FIRE UNDERWRITERS

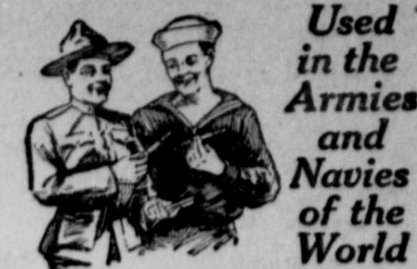
"A Red Cross Service Flag in 15,000,000 American Homes Christmas Eve With a Lighted Candle Behind It"

This was the slogan of the Red Cross Christmas membership drive, which began Dec. 17. But the slogan has been altered slightly. If every patriotic American does his or her duty the 15,000,000 service flags will be displayed, but—there will be no candles behind them, that is, if the National Board of Fire Underwriters has its way.

The service flag-candle idea had been exploited in thousands of news papers throughout the United States and hundreds of thousands of patriots had provided themselves with candles after receiving a service flag upon joining the Red Cross. Then the underwriters issued a warning to national headquarters of the Red Cross, at Washington, to the effect that lighted candles behind the paper service flags in millions of homes on Christmas eve would involve a fire hazard of such proportions that hundreds of fires might result.

It has been suggested by Red Cross headquarters that every member of the organization display his flag in a front window of his home between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock Christmas eve, but that the candle be dispensed with. Instead, it is suggested that curtains be removed from the windows so that the ordinary lighting in the room may illuminate the service flag. If an electric flashlight is available that may be placed behind the service flag with safety.

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## TOO MUCH RED TAPE SAYS COUNTY JUDGE

"There is too much red tape to the plans for dividing state road funds among the counties," declares County Judge R. E. Lee, who has returned from Austin, where he spent a day with the State Highway Commission discussing the provisions for granting state aid in road building.

Mr. Lee found that the federal funds for aiding Texas counties in road building had been entirely exhausted and that no additional federal money will be available for distribution until next March. A state fund is still available, to be granted counties providing three times as much road money as asked from the state. The provisions governing the distribution of state money, however, are unsatisfactory to the Brown County Judge, and no application was made.

"The provisions require that roads be built here according to specifications made for the black land sections," says Judge Lee, "and unless a great sum of money is available, the overhead expense is prohibitive." The commissioners of Brown county had planned to secure some state aid if possible, and undertake a road building program on a small scale. "If the county would issue a large sum in bonds, and then secure state aid, it could afford to build the roads as specified," says the county judge. The commissioners will give further consideration to the road problem at an early date.—Brownwood Bulletin.



## Daily Ledger Want Ads

### WANTED

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

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—\$100 Phonograph for \$75. City Drug Store. 18-16-pd.

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

### FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Light house-keeping rooms. See Mrs. J. K. Hutton.

### LOST.

LOST—Saturday afternoon, Modern Woodman pen, between Jas. E. Brewer's and Melton Dry Goods Co. Please return same to Mrs. J. F. Jonas, Box 87, Ballinger, Texas. 22-11d-pd.

The Season's Greetings

At this holiday season, we like to think of our customers as our friends. We like to feel that in a broad sense our customers are our partners—that our success is but the reflection of their success.

And so on the eve of a New Year we extend to you our hearty good wishes with the sincere hope that the coming year will bring to you greater prosperity and happiness than ever before.

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GERMANY A NATION OF ARMY WORMS

"The Germans," their beloved Bismarck said, "are a nation of house servants."

His successors seem to have made them a nation of army worms.

All their fine quality of loyalty and service—which Bismarck summed up so contemptuously—have been turned from ideals of domestic peace and labor to the ravaging of their neighbors in a devastating war. A nation of army worms, led by imperial locusts, they have advanced upon the world in their famous mass formations, a gray-green swarm of devoted loyalists, at once admirable and horrifying.

And the world has banded against them. One by one a score of States have been forced to arm and defend themselves. Not even the peaceful traditions of China or the determined isolation of the United States could save them from the unprovoked assaults of this submissive people led by ambitious maniacs. The war has become a war to rid Germany and the world of Germany's Mad Mullah. And just as there could be no peace a hundred years ago in Europe, and no freedom in France until Napoleon had been ended, so now there can be no security for any nation and no liberty for the Germans until their Hohenzollern has been crushed and his loyal victims awakened from their national hypnosis. The free peoples of the earth are battling against the last serfs of military autocracy not only to protect themselves, but to liberate their enemy. America is fighting to establish among the nations of Europe another such peaceful league of self-governing States as our War of Independence founded on this continent. It is a war against war—against international injustice, and predatory ideals of empire, and the slavery of willing slaves assaulting freedom.

Again and again the nations made terms of peace with Napoleon. It was useless until he made his final terms of unconditional surrender after Waterloo. The French of his day were an admirable, a wonderful people; but led by his military ambition they became the conquering enemies of mankind. It was his wars that imposed militarism on Germany. It is his tradition that now animates the Prussian imperial buzzard. Useless to talk of terms of peace with this new Napoleonism. Useless to plead the virtues of the German people. They have become the outlaws of civilization, surrounded by a posse of nations and fighting desperately at the mouth of their cave. There can be no enduring peace till they have deposed their robber chieftain and renounced their creed of blood and iron.

The United States has been compelled to join the posse. After en-

during outrages with a patience that exasperated mankind, we have enrolled in the league of peace against Germany. Our Navy is fighting in European waters to protect our own shores. Our army is going to the trenches in France that we may not have to dig trenches in America. We have organized for war because we have accepted conscription against conscription. We have given our Government the powers of a military dictator to save ourselves from the military dictatorship of the Most High of Potsdam. We have surrendered all our peaceful liberties in order to organize our country for purposes of war, because war can be efficiently waged in no other way. Only with blood and iron can we save ourselves from the devotees of blood and iron. When death comes into a dispute there is no answer to it but death.

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Northington-Westbrook.

At the Christian church in San Angelo Thursday afternoon, December 20th, Rev. Schoonover spoke the beautiful and solemn words that united in marriage Mr. Charlie Northington and Miss Florence Westbrook, two of Ballinger's favorite young people.

Charlie Northington is a young man of sterling worth and ability, an honorable, upright gentleman and true as steel and his many friends rejoice that he has for his life's partner so rare a jewel as Miss Westbrook, known and loved by a host of friends for her noble traits of character. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Westbrook, of South Ballinger.

They will soon be at home in their new bungalow on 7th Street. The Ledger joins many friends in congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life for the young couple.

The San Angelo Standard has the following as to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Northington: "Charlie Northington and Miss Westbrook were married Thursday and are spending Friday as guests of the St. Angelus hotel. Mr. Northington is a son of the late K. V. Northington formerly of San Angelo, and is a live real estate man of Ballinger, being a member of the firm of Giesecke & Company. The Standard extends the happy couple everlasting happiness and prosperity."

Chamberlain's Tablets.

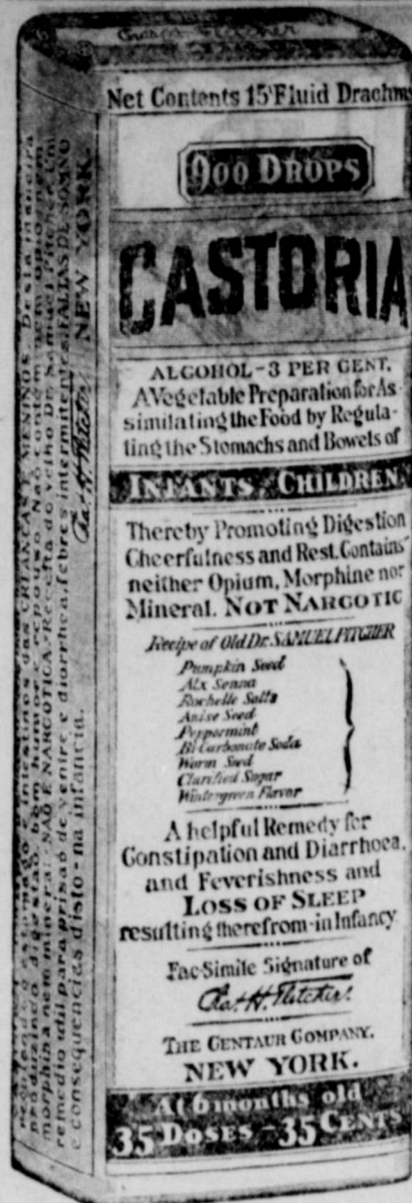
Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of these diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured 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.

Special Aid to Italy.

The American Red Cross responded promptly to the emergency created by the Italian retreat. The War Council in a telegram to Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page, promised every effort which the Red Cross could make would be applied immediately to the relief of Italy.

New Uniforms for Nurses.

Owing to the limited laundry facilities in France, it has been decided that American Red Cross nurses with base hospitals and other military hospitals in France shall wear gray uniforms instead of the usual white.



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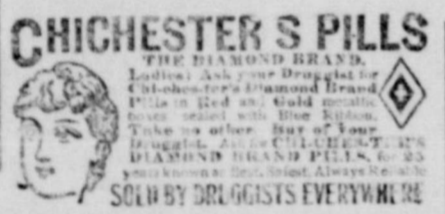
THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY

THE BREAD SHORT AGE IN GERMANY

An idea of the food condition in Germany is gained from the following appearing in the Berlin Zeitung of October 5:

"The estimate of this year's potato harvest was considerably surpassed by the actual yield, so that potatoes became a real savior in need, but the result of the grain estimate, based upon a survey of the area under cultivation and upon an estimate of the average yield, necessitates a dilution of bread grain; for this purpose potato flour is to be used. The stock of dried potatoes is, however, inadequate, so that the dilution of flour can not become general before the 1st of January, 1918. It is hoped that by that time sufficient potato flour will be available.

For the present, therefore, there is no question of dilution. The milling percentage of 94 is retained, and the present flour ration will be continued. Between the 1st of November, 1917, and 1st of February 1918, a supply of fresh potatoes will be given to the communes sufficient for a dilution of the flour ration of 300 grammes by 10 per cent. Any commune which does not wish to dilute the flour may use the potatoes to increase the ration by about 1 1/4 pounds per week."



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