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## ROUMANIANS LOSE ARMY HEADQUARTERS ON FRONT

Petrograd, Dec. 27.—Radio messages received from Ukraine announce the capture of the Roumanian staff headquarters of the Fourth and Eighth Armies. The Maximalist forces were disarmed and held prisoners. A later report also brings the news of the capture of the headquarters of the Eleventh army. The entente allies suffer losses in the capture of the Roumanian army headquarters.

### AN APPRECIATED CHECK.

B. W. Pitcher was loud in praise Thursday morning for Street & Middleton who had just presented the volunteer fire company with a check for \$25.00 for their faithful services during the recent fire that destroyed the Street & Middleton barn on 10th Street.

These gentlemen had no insurance on their property, and the loss was a very heavy one on their part. The check was an unexpected and agreeable surprise and shows their liberal spirit and appreciation. They were buying horses for the government, and in a very short time their barn will be rebuilt and they will be back in business at the same old stand.

### A NARROW ESCAPE.

Jas. Cates, while walking across Eighth Street Wednesday afternoon was struck by an auto and knocked to the ground. He was scratched about the face, but fortunately nothing serious will result from the accident. W. T. Billings was driving the car, and was going very slow, or the accident might have been more serious. He at once stopped the auto and gave Mr. Cates all attention possible.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT POSTPONED

Owing to sickness in the homes of several members of the Phidelis Class, and absence from the city of other members of this class, the party to have been given Friday evening at the First Baptist church by these young ladies is indefinitely postponed.

Social Committee.

## HOW REV. BANDY ESCAPED MEXICANS

Further details of the Mexican raid at the Brite ranch near the Rio Grande, in which Rev. H. M. Bandy, former pastor of the Christian church of this city, and his family had a narrow escape, were received in Ballinger Thursday.

After the raid at the Brite ranch, and after killing an American mail carrier and two Mexican passengers who were traveling in the mail hack, eight of the bandits were killed by Americans. It is believed that the bandits were part of Villa's forces. The following account of the attack on the Brite ranch comes from Marfa:

Ranchers who arrived here tonight from Candelaria brought the first connected story of the Mexican raid on the Brite store and the little ranch settlement in the elbow of the Rio Grande.

But two men were at the Brite ranch house Christmas morning when the Mexican raiders arrived there. They were T. T. Neil, manager of the ranch and his son, Sam Neil. Their wives and children were also at the ranch house. The father saw the Mexicans approaching and wakened his son. The women and children went to the most protected room, and the men opened fire on the bandits riding wildly toward the house. A desperate rifle battle was then fought between Sam Neil and the leader of the Mexicans at 100 yards range.

Neil killed his man while his father covered the approach from the rear and fought off the Mexicans who were attempting to gain entrance through the rear door. Two more bandits were killed whereupon the remainder retired for a conference. A Mexican was then sent to the house with a demand that the Neils surrender. This was refused but T. T. Neil finally delivered over the keys to the Brite store nearby and sent a hired hand to assist in rounding up the horses in order to save the women and children from massacre. While the store was being looted by the bandits, the Reverend Bandy of the First Christian church of Marfa drove up in his car with his family to spend the day at the Brite ranch. They barely escaped but got into the ranch house where the minister seized a rifle and guarded a window with the other Americans.

At this time the United States mail stage from Valentine arrived at the store carrying Christmas packages for the United States soldiers stationed at Candelaria. The two Mexican passengers were killed before they could get out of the stage. Michael Welch was taken from the stage, hanged in the door of the Brite store and his throat cut.

T. T. Cobb, a ranch hand approached the store during the looting but was warned back by the foreman Guyon, who was barricaded in his house, 100 yards away. Cobb, realizing what had happened rode twelve miles to the nearest telephone and gave the alarm as all other telephone lines had been cut by the bandits.

Sheriff Cline and a posse started in pursuit of the bandits. They found Welch's body hanging in the store doorway and the nude bodies of the two Mexican stage passengers nearby. Mrs. Brite and the Neils saw the killing of the three men taken from the stage. Welch, who was aged and partly paralyzed had to be assisted to the place of his execution, they said.

Sam Neil was shot in the face but not seriously wounded.

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH.

Friday being Holy Innocence Day, there will be Holy Communion in this church 10 a. m.

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## Kaiser Continues to Make Offers for Peace Game

### WILSON'S RAILROAD PLANS APPROVED ALL CONCERNED

Washington, Dec. 27.—Railroad heads throughout the country and American bankers are highly pleased with President Wilson's decision to take over the railroads of the nation. Especially do the railroad heads and bankers express the most hearty approval of the president's guarantee plan, which will insure the owners of railroad property against any loss. One of the brotherhood

leaders declared that the railroad employees will stand by the administration in the operation of railroads and will back the government control generally.

President Wilson in issuing an executive order placing all railroads under government control, appointed Secretary McAdoo as director general, and government operation of railroads will begin Friday.

### DRAFT AND HIGH WAGES INCREASE CHILD LABOR

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—Child labor is on the increase in Massachusetts according to the report of the Child Labor Committee, which is watching the situation closely.

In 1916 approximately 42,268 children, between the ages of 14

and 16 years were given certificates to work. The figures up to November of this year show the number has greatly increased.

The number of adult workers taken by the draft and high wages, are given as the chief causes for the number of children leaving school to work.

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## Porter Murry Seriously Injured In Accident

Porter Murray is in the Halley & Love sanitarium suffering an injury that may make him a cripple for many months. He was hurt early Thursday morning and for more than two hours he lay on the ground helpless suffering the freezing cold weather before he succeeded in attracting the attention of any one and getting assistance.

Mr. Murry has been serving the city as engineer for some time, resigning recently and leasing the C. A. Dooce Pecan Mott on the Colorado river above town. He was preparing to move to the farm and was making some improvements when the accident which may cost him a year's labor occurred. Mr. Murry was hauling a load of lumber to the farm and was about three miles from town when the double tree to the wagon gave way and the team pulled him out over the front of the wagon. In the fall Mr.

Murry sustained a badly broken lower limb near the hip, the injury rendering him helpless. He suffered for more than an hour before neighbors were attracted by the team and went to the young man's rescue. A physician was called from Ballinger, and later an ambulance went out and brought the injured man to the sanitarium.

Mr. Murry is a son-in-law of W. B. Wood. He has spent the most of his life in this county. He moved to New Mexico, two or three years ago, and spent some time in that country, but returned to Ballinger and accepted the position as water engineer and served in that capacity up to about a month ago when he decided that he would try farming next year. He was beginning early for next year's crop, and would no doubt have made good. His many friends will regret to hear of his misfortune.

Copenhagen, Dec. 27.—Central powers are willing to make general peace with all belligerent nations, on a basis of no annexations, no indemnities, according to official statement received from Vienna, via Berlin. All that the central powers ask is that all other belligerents pledge their support for such policies in making peace terms.

### HOG ISLAND SHIP PLANT TO BE LARGEST IN WORLD

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—"Hog Island," is another Panama, according to Meyer Bloomfield, head of the Industrial Service Bureau of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. After an all-day inspection of the site of what is to be the largest shipbuilding plant in the world, Mr. Bloomfield said:

"In the erection of the Hog Island plant the Government has assumed one of the biggest projects ever undertaken. It compares in importance and the amount of work involved in so short a time to the Panama Canal. But the Government must have ships, and it expects to spend \$1,000,000,000 this year in order to get them."

## BRITISH EMBASSY IN TIME OF WAR

Editors:—The following is the first of a series of short stories picturing the embassies in Washington during the war-time. These stories will continue until all the embassies have been covered—Editor.

Washington, Dec. 27.—A medieval castle, transplanted bodily from the middle ages or reproduced faithfully from Canterbury Tales—fittingly describes the British embassy in Washington. Its dark red brick walls, weather-beaten and disintegrated by rains and snows of more than two score years, from a striking contrast to the modern structures surrounding it out on Connecticut Avenue.

The interior of the embassy lives up to outward impressions. Long, high ceilinged halls with walls darkened with age and a dank, musty Chaucerian atmosphere pervading everything. Even the cheery soft coal fire burning in the numerous old fashioned grates gives off the odor of bog fuel.

Although it is the property of the richest nation on earth the British embassy is perhaps the most unpretentiously furnished in Washington. Carpets, worn and threadbare, cover the floors while the wall paper in rooms accessible to visitors, is of the vintage of '86."

But despite its appearance the diplomatic center in Washington. Spelization is the watchword of Ambassador Cecil Spring-Rice and his staff. International experts head every department. Thomas Beaumont Hobler—representative of the Cowdray and Pearson interests—knows more about Mexico and Mexican than the best versed official in our own state department. What he thinks of Caranza alone would take two hours to relate, he non-chalantly informs a questioner.

And should you seek knowledge of the Balkans, there's Colville Barclay, counselor, at your service while Lord Eustace Percy quotes "contraband" by the hour. China and the Orient is the long suit of Thomas Robertson while Thomas Spring-Rice rattles off the Russian lingo like a native. Scores of others have their specialties.

## Radford Grocery Company Closes Wholesale House

Representatives from the Abilene house of the Radford Grocery Co., and representatives from the Brownwood house of the Walker-Smith Co., are here assisting the local managers in invoicing the stock preparatory to closing a deal in which the Radford Grocery Co. sells the stock here to the Walker-Smith Co. It is expected that the deal will be closed by the end of the present year, and the Radford Grocery Co. will retire from the local field.

The two wholesale grocery firms have realized for some time that the local field was not large enough to support two wholesale grocery houses carrying such large stocks, and the closing of one of the houses is the result. E. G. Batcher of Abilene, and C. Y. Early of Brownwood, are here handling the deal.

The Radford Grocery Co. has been doing business here for several years, and carried a large stock, distributing to the retail trade throughout this territory. The headquarters of the firm are

at Abilene. H. F. Smith has been manager of the local house since it was opened for business. Some time before it became known that the local house of the Radford Grocery Co. would be closed, Mr. Smith tendered his resignation, and has been preparing to move to Houston, where he has accepted a similar position, and where he hopes to find a climate that will benefit his wife's health. Mr. Smith will leave Ballinger about the last of January and will be with the Schuhmacher Co., a wholesale grocery firm in Houston.

W. A. Francis, manager of Walker-Smith Co.'s local house stated that part of the goods his firm were purchasing from Radford Grocery Co. would be moved to their large warehouse on Hutchings Ave., and the remainder would be stored in one of the buildings occupied by Radford on Eighth Street. The large building occupied by Radford is owned by Judge Jno. I. Guion. Judge Guion is advertising the house for rent after Jan. 1st.

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W. Fledge Editor

Prof. W. S. Fleming left Thursday for Brownwood to attend a meeting of the Executive Board of the Mid-West Texas Teachers' Institute to arrange a program for the coming spring meeting.

NOTICE

Old fashioned corn meal and Graham flour, fresh every day. Bring your grain and give us a trial.

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Jim DeMerville came in Christmas day to spend the holiday with home folks, and Ballinger friends.

Mrs. W. B. Halley and nephew, Chas Bailey returned home Thursday at noon from a Christmas visit to relatives at Dallas and Temple.



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FIRE INSURANCE The Best Companies PROMPT SERVICE Your business solicited. MISS MAGGIE SHARP Upstairs in old Fidelity Credit Co.'s Office. Phone 115. See Me.

Questionnaires at the rate of about one hundred per day are going through the mails of this county. The sending out of the questionnaires is responsible for bringing many young men to the city, and the questionnaires are rapidly finding their way back to the local board, properly filled out and made ready for classifying.

The advisory board has called into service quite a number of local laymen, and these are taking it time about serving their country by remaining at the local board, and assisting the registrants in filling out their questionnaires, and in this way the work is being made easy and a burden to none.

For the new beginners it is quite a job to fill out one of the blanks properly, but with little experience the work is made easy, and those who are assisting are doing a patriotic work in helping to get the registrants classified at the earliest possible time.

The mailing of questionnaires will continue up to and including January 8th. On that date the last questionnaires will be mailed and all answers are to be made and the questionnaires returned to the local board by January 15th.

Those who are assisting the registrants in making out their questionnaires are supposed to be giving their services free. In some counties charges have been made and the local board is protesting against such service. It is the intention of the government that no charges be made, as the registrant who was giving his life for the cause should not be compelled to give up cash in perfecting the draft.

E. M. Setser and E. H. Harding, of the Norton county, J. E. Davidson of the Valley Creek county and Judge Cogsdell of Winters, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday.

And it Cured Her—Read Mrs. Thayer's Letter

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Miss Bernice Smith of San Angelo, is the guest of her uncle, C. A. Dooze, and family, during the holidays.

C. H. Seals of the Crews county and Jim Goldin, of this city left Wednesday afternoon to work in the oil fields in Brownwood.

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.

J. B. Porterfield of the Pony Creek county, passed through Ballinger Thursday en route west on a business trip.

While many farmers in this country experienced complete crop failure this year, the total yield of cotton went beyond the most bullish estimate made. Throughout the period when crops should have been receiving sufficient rain to make and mature no one would dare estimate more than a twelve thousand bale crop for Runnels county, while the estimate made by most of those making a guess varied from eight to ten thousand bales.

On December 1st 12,357 bales had been ginned in the county, as compared with 29,805 bales for the same date last year. Very little cotton has been ginned since December 1st, but it is estimated that the remnants put together and the final report for the season will show close to 13,000 bales. At an average of \$125 per bale, not counting the high price for seed, the short crop distributed among the farmers of this county is more than one and a half million dollars. The cash derived from the seed will run the money from the cotton crop of the county up to close two and a half million dollars. This is not so bad for a year with less than nine inches of rain.

The percentage of yield for Runnels county is better than most of the other counties in this section of the state, and the yield decreases for the counties west and northwest of Runnels. Concho county ginned 1,845 bales compared with 8,677 last year. McCulloch county ginned 4,626 this year and 15,414 last year. Taylor county ginned 7,027 this year and 25,754 last year. Tom Green and Nolan counties are not in the 1917 report, while Coleman county leads with 15,116 bales against 26,857 last year.

The ginner's report makes some interesting comparisons. For instance Williamson county ginned 109,705 bales in 1916 while this year 30,471 bales only were ginned. Bell county also makes a one-third cotton crop, ginning 23,

The Officers and Directors of The First National Bank of Ballinger Extend Christmas Greetings and best wishes for A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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A. W. Horton, of the Norton county passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to Fisk, to visit his son, J. E. Horton, for a few days.

John Richards of Winters, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon.

Prof. Brigg, wife and baby of Talpa, passed through Ballinger Wednesday afternoon en route to the Winters country to visit relatives a few days.

Louis Jameson and daughter of Talpa, were among the visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

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New Year, Good Morning

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914 bales this year against 65,913 last year. Falls county comes up with about a half crop, making 31,000 bales against 62,569 last year. Among the counties showing big increase in cotton production this year are the counties of Fannin with a crop of 90,000 bales against 68,000 last year; Lamar, Hunt, Collin and Grayson, all show increased production. Although falling 10,000 bales short of last year Ellis county leads this year with 99,178 bales.

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Resolutions Each Day. At each New Year tide it is common to make new resolutions, but in the true life of the individual each day is the beginning of a New Year if he will only make it so.—William George Jordan.



Mrs. Stevens and daughter of Miles, who have been visiting in Ballinger, returned home Thursday at noon.

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.

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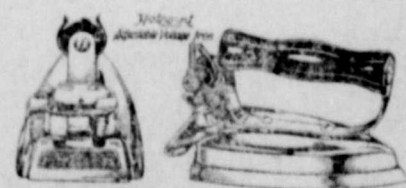
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M. S. Ujffly, Plaintiff vs. M. C. Hood et al Defendants.

Whereas by virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of Runnels county, Texas, on a judgment, rendered in said Court on the 25th day of October A. D. 1917, in favor of M. S. Ujffly and did on the 12th day of December A. D. 1917 at 10 A. M. levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situate in the County of Runnels, State of Texas, and belonging to the said defendants, to-wit: Being all that certain tract of land lying and being situated in the County of Runnels, State of Texas, being Block Nos. 42, 54 and 55 of the South Ballinger Addition to the town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, as the same appears by the map of the plan of said addition on file in the County Clerk's office of said Runnels County, Texas, and on the 1st day of January A. D. 1918, being the first Tuesday of said month between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash all the right, title and interest of the said defendants, in and to said property.

Dated at Ballinger, this 12th day of Dec. A. D. 1917. J. D. Perkins, Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas. 12-1926-2

J. F. Stuart returned home Wednesday from the army camps near San Antonio where he has been to visit his son, Will, and says he is looking well and doing well, also. He has been promoted to the degree of First Class Sergeant and says all of the Runnels county boys are making good.

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A Hap Hazard New Year by Douglas Malloch (Copyright)

THE coming of New Year's Day naturally suggests the remarkable case of Hap Hazard. The mother of Hap Hazard had aimed to give him a Bible name out of the ordinary, and her aim was certainly good. It was hard to spell, and hard to pronounce; and, pronounced properly, it sounded very much like a soda fountain clerk making a fluz. But the boys shortened this unusual cognomen to "Hap."

The Hap Hazards were married on New Year's Day. Hap very happily suggesting that that would be a good way to start the New Year right.

As New Year's Day again approached, May's Aunt Ada, at whose house in Columbus the Hazards were married, thought it would be a fine idea to ask the young couple back home to spend their wedding anniversary. Hap and May delightedly accepted, and wrote that they would leave Hometown for Columbus on the 29th. It was now the 28th, and May decided it would be well to begin to pack, or at least to decide what she would wear and what she would take. It made her rather proud of her forwardness.

"And, Hap," she said, "you might go by the depot and get the tickets, and a couple of lovers, and everything, so we shall be all ready to start tomorrow. That will be easy to do."

"Gosh!" exclaimed Hap, his pipe falling from his mouth, "easy to do? Say, do you know I never thought about those god-darned tickets?" He shoved both hands into his pockets. "How much do you suppose they will be? I don't believe I have enough money. 'I know we spent a lot for Christmas."

Hap had \$3.11. May had \$6 she had left out of her last week's money. There was \$1.80 in the little drawer of the kitchen cabinet, and \$12 in bills behind the picture of April Jones in the sitting room. That made \$22.91; and Hap knew he could draw a few dollars in advance down at the shop—he had done it before.

He found it was too late to get lower, and they missed that train anyway, for the time had been changed, and the train now went through half an hour earlier—when it was on time—and this time it was. He managed to find an upper on the slow train for May, but he had to sit up in the smoker himself.

Hap did not sleep very well. The train stopped and started and jerked and bumped. It must have been near morning, after an unusually heavy jolt, that Hap distinctly overheard a fellow-passenger say:

"Yep, it doesn't look much like we would get into Columbus before New Year's night."

"What's the matter?" he inquired, suddenly sitting up, "a wreck?"

"Nope," said the passenger, a fat man across the aisle Hap had observed before he fell off to slumber. "Nope, it ain't a wreck. On this gosh-dinged road they can't never have a wreck."

"Why not? Is it so safe?"

"No, it ain't so safe. But they couldn't have a collision because all the trains run east one day and west the next."

"That's funny. What if you want to get to Columbus on Wednesday?"

"Then you have to go east to Pittsburgh on Tuesday and come west to Columbus the next day."

Hap tried hard to figure this out but finally gave it up as a little deep.

"But," he said, "they could have a rear-end collision, anyway."

"No," said the stranger, "they couldn't nuther. Y'see," he explained, "every train on this road runs so much slower than every other train, that no train can ever overtake any other."

"Then, if there isn't any wreck," asked Hap, "what's the trouble?"

"Well, to begin with," replied the stranger, "the fireman is to blame. When we started out he didn't figure on how much coal he was likely to need. Consequence was, we run out of coal right in the middle of the night."

"What did we do?"

"We stopped and got some from a farmer. He was madder than the dickens, too."

"But why didn't the engineer see to it that the fireman had enough coal?"

"The engineer hadn't ought to say anything. He didn't have enough w-



"He's Looking at You, Aunt Ada," Said May.

ter. It was a wonder he didn't have a blowup. He was just running along, and never watching the water-gauge, and getting water whenever he could, but not knowing very far ahead when he could get it."

"Well, this must be a fine crew on this old milk train. But where was the conductor all this time?"

"Why, the conductor didn't know we was late until a few minutes ago when I told him. You see, he wasn't keeping any particular account of the time. He figured that we was on the right road and that sooner or later we would get there."

"Some railroad," thought Hap to himself, and in a few moments fell off to sleep again.

"He's looking at you, Aunt Ada," said May.

"He's going to be all right," said the stranger. "He's coming out of it."

"Oh, I'm so glad," exclaimed May; and, to the stranger, "I can't thank you enough for all your kindness."

"He must have hit the arm of the seat when that jolt threw him out," said the doctor. "But it is nothing serious."

By this time Hap was wide awake, really awake. It took a little time to untangle his thoughts for him.

"Everything's all right, old man," said the stranger. "You fell out of the seat—you've got a bump on your head—and you were a little looney for awhile. But we got you to your folks all right. Well, I guess I'll be running along."

But Aunt Ada insisted that the stranger, who was a traveling salesman unable to get home for the holiday, should spend New Year's Day with them instead of at the hotel. Hap was so much better that he was able to take a little walk that afternoon. In a stationery store he stopped and bought a book.

The next day was New Year's. That morning before they went downstairs Hap opened the package.

"I've been thinking," he said to May, "that I wasn't so blamed looney, after all, when I got that bump on the head. Maybe I've got more sense than you than this way."

"Why, how you talk! Are you—are you feeling bad again?"

"No, but I've been thinking that we run our house and our household expenses about like they run that railroad. We aren't keeping any account of what we spend, and we have just about enough coal and water to keep us going, without knowing where we can get more. It's just good luck that has kept us from having a wreck. Now, here's an account book, and we're going to run on schedule after this."

MOTION PICTURE MADE 'MID SHOT AND SHELL

Patrons of the Queen Theatre will be given another holiday treat on New Year's Day when Captain F. E. Kleinschmidt, the famous explorer, films will be shown here, showing war on three fronts—war in the air, war on the land and war on the sea.

Captain F. E. Kleinschmidt, Arctic Explorer and big game hunter, passed two years with the Austro-German forces on three fronts. He was at the vanguard of the armies that made the terrific drive against Russia last summer from the Carpathian Mountains across Poland into Russia from Tarnow over Przemysl, Lemberg, Warsaw, to Brest-Litovsk, up the line where the armies are standing now. Then he participated in the campaign in the Balkans against Serbia, and finally went to the Italian front to witness there the great fourth-sonzo battle and sea fights in the Mediterranean. He carries a collection of more than 10,000 feet of motion pictures of the war, portraying every phase of military activities.

Among the pictures are scenes of trench warfare showing men getting killed within 20 feet of the camera, magnificent views from aeroplanes showing fortresses and battlefields below and shrapnel bursting but a few feet from the machine. There will be seen for the first time in any country submarine warfare in the Mediterranean and the great mortars in close-up action razing the greatest modern fortress in Europe. Villages and Brest-Litovsk a city of 60,000 inhabitants, in flames. The heartrending plight of the inhabitants caught in the maelstrom between the two contending armies.

Captain Kleinschmidt is known to every one in New York from his Alaska, Siberia and Polar bear pictures. His reputation as a maker of pictures under hazardous circumstances is universal, therefore the public can place the utmost confidence in him and be assured that there are the greatest genuine and actual war films ever produced. There is not a single posed or maneuver scenes. All previous alleged "war pictures" have been taken from the rear of armies and then embellished by maneuver and studio scenes taken by moving picture companies.

An ascent in a Military Balloon within range of Shrapnel. A wonderful aeroplane flight over the city of Belgrade. A battery in action with enemy shells bursting within 30 feet of the camera. The burning of an entire city. A charge into concentrated rifle and machine gun fire are some of the thrills shown in this wonderful war picture. The big war feature will be shown in matinee and night on New Year's Day with charges of 10 and 25 cents and war tax added.

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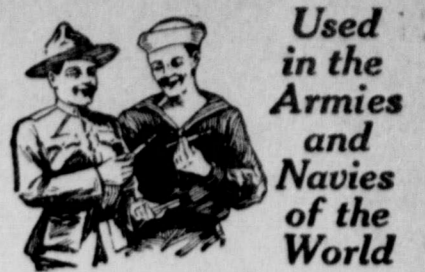
Joe Oliver of the Hatchel country and John Huffstatter, of the Valley Creek country and R. C. Heniger of the Winters-Hatchel country were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

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Mrs. Dona Jackson and little niece, Miss Pauline Simpson, left Thursday morning for Brownwood to visit relatives and friends a few days.



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Come in and inspect our assortment. J. Y. PEARCE DRUG CO.

G. M. Vaughn returned home Wednesday afternoon from a short visit to relatives and friends at San Angelo.

W. A. Schuhman, of Rowena, had business in Ballinger between trains Thursday.

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.

J. D. Reynolds of the Maverick country, was transacting business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pokorny, and Gus Glass, and Gus Kreuger, of the Rowena country, were in the city Thursday closing up a land deal.

Walter Seipp, of the Maverick country, was transacting business in Ballinger Thursday.

Daily Ledger Want Ads

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—By owner, 1300 acres land, 300 open, balance timber land, covered with wild cane, plenty of water, all fenced, with barb wire, four tenant houses, \$7.00 per acre. D. F. Merwin, Pinekneyville, Miss. 27-d2w2t-pd.

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FOR RENT—After Jan. 1, the Guion building on Eighth Street, now occupied by the Radford Grocery Co. Jno. I. Guion. 27-d1f.

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LOST—Auto bumper on road near Ballinger Sunday night. Finder please leave at Ledger office or phone 436. d&w-1fdh

LOST—Ladie's hat on Ballinger-San Angelo road, on Dec. 24th. Finder please leave at Ledger office. 27-d2w1-pd.

LOST—Ladie's coat between Crews and Ballinger, Monday. Return to Lloyd Laxson. 26-43

LOST—Pair specks in case with C. H. W. initials. Finder please return to C. H. Willingham. 24-3d

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Royse City, Tex.—Mrs. Mary Kilman, of this place, says: "After the birth of my little girl...my side commenced to hurt me. I had to go back to bed. We called the doctor. He treated me...but I got no better. I got worse and worse until the misery was unbearable...I was in bed for three months and suffered such agony that I was just drawn up in a knot... I told my husband if he would get me a bottle of Cardui I would try it... I commenced taking it, however, that evening I called my family about me... for I knew I could not last many days unless I had a change for

the better. That was six years ago and I am still here and am a well, strong woman, and I owe my life to Cardui. I had only taken half the bottle when I began to feel better. The misery in my side got less... I continued right on taking the Cardui until I had taken three bottles and I did not need any more for I was well and never felt better in my life... I have never had any trouble from that day to this."

Do you suffer from headache, backache, pains in sides, or other discomforts, each month? Or do you feel weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so, give Cardui, the woman's tonic, a trial.

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S. A. Hartgroves, of Millersview, and Lem Creswell of the Leedy country were among the business visitors in Ballinger Wednesday.

**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.

Werth Moore and two sisters of the North part of the county passed through Ballinger Wednesday en route to Brownwood to visit relatives during the holidays.

Misses Emmie, Ella, Hettie and Heldergrade and their brother, Leon, of the Winters country, are the guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Voelkel, and family during the holidays.

Mrs. Walter Schuhman of Rowena, came in Wednesday to join relatives in a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Voelkel, for a day or so.

**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.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Pritchard, of Corsicana, came in Wednesday to visit her sister, Mrs. W. A. Talley, and other relatives in Ballinger, during the Christmas times.

Clint Penn spent Christmas

## ARMED SLACKERS FORTIFIED IN CAVE

San Angelo, Dec. 27.—Fortified among the crags and peaks of a canyon in the Big Bend country in a rendezvous well-nigh inaccessible are five Americans of draft age who refused to register for the elective draft on June 5, and who are now prepared to fight to the death rather than register or enlist, according to reliable information received here. The liar of the slackers is known in that section of the country as the "Cave of the Five Brothers," not because the five men hidden there are brothers, but because it is said that three of them bear one name. These, with the others, left their homes several days before the date set for registration and have since then confined their appearance to the vicinity of the cave and canyon.

That the slackers are well supplied with arms and ammunition and that they are in regular communication with the outside world by means of Mexican sentinels and messengers has been ascertained by those peace officers who are now planning to capture the clan. While the men themselves have not been seen at any of the towns or ranches in the Big Bend country since they took up their abode in the impassable mountain gorges, they have been seen hunting in the canyon. They are described as representing savages, and as having grizzly beards, in some instances a foot long.

Those who imparted the information concerning the location of this band of slackers declare there is always a Mexican or two loitering about the habitation of the men and that these Mexicans warn the clan of any approaching danger. Further, it is declared that such food as must be secured from the villages or ranches, such ammunition as is needed to defend the stronghold and such other things as necessary for sustaining life are brought to the cave home of the men by trusty Mexicans who know of some secret path leading to the lair.

The peace officers of the Big Bend country have made investigations concerning the location of the abode of the slackers. They have taken pictures of the cliffs, peaks, gorges, crags and crevices about and the place leading to the home of the men. Within the next few days some more or more peace officers of that section of the country are going to make a determined effort to get these men. Plans for the approach and for the attack if one is necessary, have been completed, and the men are now gathering in various sections with a view of closing in and bringing the slackers out.

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

## PORKLESS DAY AND HOG KILLING TIME

Saturday has been set aside by the United States Food Administration as porkless day. This means a total abstinence from pork in any form and the observance of the day is expected from the 11,000,000 housewives who have signed the pledge card to aid the Administration in conserving, as well as the hotel and restaurant men of America, who have also committed themselves to the cause of saving food.

So great is the need of the allies for pork products that conservative figures place this need as being 25 per cent greater than this country can supply.

When Dr. Chas. McCarthy, one of Herbert Hoover's Chief Assistants, was in Houston he stated that during the past seventeen years, the population of America has increased 26,000,000 and the decrease in live-stock has been 7,000,000 head. The comparative figures of hogs shows a decrease of 10 per cent in 1917 as compared with 1916. In other words, we are consuming more pork products than we are producing.

In Germany, today, people are being urged to reduce the number of hogs, because there is not sufficient feed for them; this is just the reverse in the United States. The Government Corn Report on December 12th shows 3,000,000, 159 bushels, plus 32,000,000 bushels on frosted corn. This means an excess of 600,000,000 bushels of corn for 1917 as compared with 1916.

The frosted corn may be used to feed the stock and conservatively speaking, only about 5 to 8 per cent of the past season's corn will be used for human consumption, the rest will go to feeding live stock.

Taking into consideration the fact that our surplus corn tops that of any previous year, the way seems clear as this corn is placed on the market to utilize it in feeding hogs. It is estimated that 560 pounds of corn are required to produce 100 pounds of pork. One of the best ways to market this corn is through the hog.

Farmers can do their part in feeding our soldiers and the soldiers of our allies at the front by putting on the market just as many hogs as is possible and as rapidly as they can be prepared for the market; housewives, caterers and loyal Americans generally can do as much for the American Soldier and the soldier of our allies by completely abstaining from all pork products on Saturday.

## BALLINGER AMAZED BY SUDDEN ACTION.

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W. M. Doose and family and Mrs. Arthur Doose and children of Ballinger spent Christmas day in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Wright. Mr. Doose is a brother-in-law of R. P. Smith. Miss Bernice Smith returned home with the visitors to spend the remainder of the holidays in Ballinger.—San Angelo Standard.

## 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.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. West left Wednesday morning on a visit and business trip for a few days.

## Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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## The New Year Dreamer

A woman fell asleep, one New Year's eve, and dreamed a strange dream. And when she woke, she told a neighbor about it, in some such words as these:

"I thought I was in a strange country," she said, "which belonged to us all. There was no king. And I thought that in that country shoes were ready-made, not fashioned clumsily of leathers, as we fashion them now, and that the flax was all spun for us, and the flour all ground. I thought that the very cows were milked without our aid, and that we lived in cities with clean pavements between clean, bright houses, and that milk and meat and bread and eggs were brought to our doors, day after day. I thought that there was something called gas, that made our cooking clean and quick, and things called cars that carried us safely from place to place.

"And in my dream we were all taught, taught to read and even to write, as only the scribes do now, and that we read books, books about strange things and wonderful places—and saw pictures—the greatest in the world!—and that we could hear music whenever we chose. And there were wise doctors to keep us well, and to give us magic sleep in our pain.

"But best of all," she said, "in a low tone still tinged with the radiance of her dream, 'best of all, was that the children were safe. There were no nobles to seize our girls for their own pleasure, and to send our boys like cattle into the wars. No man could kill another, and even women were of value, and children were beloved. It seemed to me a world of peace, and sunshine and safety!"

"You dreamed of heaven!" said the listener, her incredulous laughter, changed to wistful awe. The other sighed and shook her head.

"No," she said sadly, "for in that country they were all mad!"

"Mad?" came the astonished echo. "Well, better our hardships than such a state. Better the village well that poisons our children and the tax that holds our men in bondage, and the pestilences that sweep us! Better the dark houses, and the smoking coal fires, the heats of summer and the freezing winters, better even the agony and terror of bearing, unhelped. But tell, how were they mad?"

"They do not see the sunshine, they do not hear the music, and they do not taste their freedom," said the dreamer. "Their thoughts are chained to little things—the stitches in a skirt, the chopped nuts that must go into a dish they cook, the shape of a chair. They long for illness—who have nothing to do! They long for pleasure, who live in a world that might be heaven! They look at this one enviously because she can come and go to another city at will and at that one enviously because her picture is printed in the books they read. They weep because they must buy flax spun on their side of the ocean rather than that

which comes to them in ships, and they weep because the papers they have pasted on the walls of their rooms are too green or too blue!"

"Mad—quite mad!" agreed the neighbor, struck. "Did they live long ago?"

"No, their time has not yet come," the dreaming woman answered. "They will not live for another thousand years. They will spring from us, who live and work and die without the touch of fine linen on our bodies, or the help of a single hand with the planting and roasting and spinning and brewing, the bearing and rearing. We are their mothers, who will never read a book or write a letter, or enter a playhouse. Let us make them a New Year's wish, that their eyes may be opened and that they may see!"

They knelt down together.—Kathleen Morris in Pictorial Review.

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