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WHIPPING RUSSIANS INTO LINE

Washington, Jan. 30.—The United States threatens to withdraw its support from the Russian republican factions, unless they immediately endorse President Wilson's plans for ending the Russian strife, through a meeting with the Bolsheviki and Allied delegates. This was revealed through diplomatic circles here today. The United States has been supporting the republican faction in Russia, and it was through Mr. Wilson's efforts that a plan for a conference of all Russian factions was recently adopted by the Supreme War Council. The Russian republicans have declined to meet with the Bolsheviki and delegates from the Allied nations.

FIVE YEARS WORK FOR WOMEN CLERKS

Washington, Jan. 30.—The estimate of the War Department is that it will take five years for the women clerks and employes in the different Washington offices to complete the task of compiling war records. There are miles of records and tons of dates, to be tabulated, before the girls close their desks and go back to their homes in Michigan, Texas and Iowa, from whence they came in response to the Government's request for help.

We are beginning to learn that

NATION GOES DRY JANUARY 16, 1920

Washington, Jan. 30.—Ratification of the prohibition amendment to the federal constitution was proclaimed formally today by Frank L. Polk acting secretary of state. The proclamation is dated today but legal authorities of the department say ratification was accomplished when the thirty six states acted favorable on Jan. 16, and that under the terms of the amendment itself prohibition becomes effective one year from that date.

The proclamation was signed by Mr. Polk at 11:29 o'clock in the presence of Senator Sheppard of Texas, author of the amendment, former Secretary Bryan, Representative Randall of California, prohibitionist member of the house and officials of the Anti-Saloon League of America, the Women's Christian Temperance union and other anti saloon organizations.

Mr. Polk used several pens in affixing his signature and presented them to Senator Sheppard, Mr. Bryan, Representative Randall and others.

It takes time to unmake war just as it does to make it.

But, through the glamor of the "war jobs" has departed from these clerical positions, the girls will need the recreational program that has been planned for them as much, if not more than ever. And the Young Woman's Christian Association is going to go right on looking out for them. The vacation house will remain open, and the large hotels for women clerks opposite the Union Station will continue to operate. So the families back home don't need to worry about daughter in Washington. When the Y. W. C. A. is on the job, daughter has a real friend working for her.

John Landers, of the Wingate country and C. L. Harter, of the Wilmeth merchant were transacting business in Ballinger Thursday.

Uncle Billie Caudle, who had been spending some months in North Texas, was greeting friends in Ballinger Thursday.

Wilson's Way Controls In World Peace Conference

Paris, Jan. 30.—The peace conference convened today and resumed the discussion of the German colonial possessions. The question is practically settled and a full and complete disposition of the colonies is expected to be virtually agreed upon.

With a majority of the representatives proceeding on a basis that the secret treaties formulated by the Allies before the entrance of the United States in the war were nullified when the associated powers accepted President Wilson's program, it is believed that the colonial claims will be adjusted on the principles of a League of Nations.

London, Jan. 29.—The British imperial war cabinet has accepted

President Wilson's theory of internationalization as applied to the captured German colonies, notwithstanding energetic protests from the representatives of the dominions, says the Daily Mail's correspondent.

"The protest," says the correspondent have been of the gravest character. The South African representatives believe acceptance will give the greatest encouragement to the rebel element in South Africa which it has ever received during the British administration. The Australian delegates fear that Australian public opinion will regard it as extremely unsatisfactory and inexplicable. The dominion representatives, generally, though very reticent, are greatly perturbed."

RANGER CASE NOW BEFORE COMMITTEE

Austin, Jan. 30.—An investigation of the State Ranger Forces began with the House and Senate joint committee taking evidence today. Arjunt General Hankey, was the first witness to testify. Representative Canales, of Brownsville, was the second witness. Mr. Canales is the man who made serious charges against the Rangers on the floor of the House and who is responsible for the investigation. He was before the committee this afternoon.

WORKING WAY THRU STATE UNIVERSITY

Austin, Jan. 30.—The closing of the S. A. T. C. threw many of the men upon their own resources but not a man has gone home for lack of work, stated T. W. Currie, secretary of the University of Texas Y. M. C. A.

At the opening of the winter many of the self supporting students faced the probability of having to withdraw from the University on account of inability to secure work, but the employment bureau of the Y. M. C. A. took the matter in hand and the needs of all have been quickly supplied.

We have secured one student a place as a private secretary paying \$150 a month, said Currie, another gets \$50 a month for stenographic work in the capitol. I want to mention especially that Miss Blanton, state superintendent has given eight men work paying 25c per hour thus enabling eight students to remain in the University.

Employment has been secured for fifty or seventy five men as table waiters. A few positions have been secured in almost every line of work. In fact several working students say that they are being swamped with offers of work, and offers continue to come in at the Y. M. C. A. employment bureau.

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SHULTZ OIL COMPANY UNIFORMS MAKE TO MAKE BIG TEST BUSINESS WOMEN

W. O. Schultz, head of the Schultz Oil Co., of Concho county, accompanied by Mr. Savage, also a member of the company, spent Wednesday in Ballinger conferring with a geologist and having maps drawn preparatory to launching an advertising campaign for the sale of shares in the Schultz Oil Co.

Mr. Schultz has been drilling for some time on his ranch. He has acquired leases on twenty thousand acres of good territory south of the Russell well, and is taking steps to make a thorough test for oil. His company is organized—incorporated under the laws of the state of Texas, and the state sent a geologist to inspect the physical holdings of the company, and they were approved as being first class for wild cat drilling.

Mr. Schultz says no man who is not able to speculate to the amount of one hundred dollars will be permitted to invest in his proposition. He does not guarantee the investors anything but a square deal, and if oil is found in a paying quantity those who go in will reap a dividend that will make their original investment look like a dime.

The advertising matter offering for sale and giving in detail information shares in this company will be in circulation in a short time.

R. L. Williams, of the Truitt community, was here Thursday.

New York, Jan. 30.—"What do I think of women wearing uniforms? I think it's the most hopeful sign of the times," said a prominent Wall Street banker, the other day, in response to a question put him by a trim Y. M. C. A. Worker in the horizon blue uniform.

"I want to go record that this 'uniformists,' as some have called the passion for uniforms, will leave in its wake a business woman who is all sense. Heretofore she has been part nonsense.

"Two years ago the girls in the offices wore short sleeves, thin chiffon waists, and thin shoes. They looked dressed for an opera party instead of a fifteen dollar a week job. Now the uniform has changed the popular style of dress. Not everybody is wearing uniforms, but they've caused low heels and plain sensible clothes to come into style."

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Schultz, were here from Millersville Wednesday, Mrs. Schultz was trading while Mr. Schultz was conferring with oil men and looking after the interest of the Schultz Oil Co. Rev. J. B. Currie, local Methodist

pastor, Rev. J. H. Baldrige, Methodist pastor at Winters, Rev. P. H. Gates and wife, of Bronte, and Rev. Henry Francis, of Norton, left from this point for Brownwood Wednesday afternoon, where they go to attend a pastors conference of the Methodist church.

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A. W. Sledge Editor

Get your poll tax tomorrow, next day will be too late.

We have passed the sentimental age, and the man who delivers the goods at the right price gets the business.

Spring may not be as early as some people would like to welcome it, but it will be a dandy damp spring.

Many Ballinger people are longing for a land flowing with oil and money. We have the milk and honey.

Since horse hides bring a good price on the local market, and horse board costs about thirty dollars per, first Monday stock is just a little scarce.

And now autos are receiving credit for hastening the coming of prohibition. It is true that the most dangerous combination to be imagined is an automobile with a drunken driver.

The legislature will put over a good piece of work with the abolishing of the county treasurer's office. This is a work that can be handled through the banks and

bank the county a saving of what the treasurer receives as salary.

Lieut. Elmer Simpson went to Ranger Wednesday, where he expects to accept a position.

W. A. Nance is improving his home on Eighth street adding new galleries, painting etc.

Mrs. G. P. Teague, and two little daughters left Thursday afternoon to join Mr. Teague at Brownwood where they will make home for the present.

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Be Wise Advertise.

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W. W. Roberts, of the Talpa country and W. H. Boozer, of the Marie country, were among the number in Ballinger Wednesday transacting business and both gentlemen renewed their allegiance to the Banner Ledger.

Quick Cure for Croup
Watch for the first symptoms. Hoarseness and give Chamberlains Cough Remedy at once. It is prompt and effectual.

John Futch left for Eastland, Wednesday, where he will accept employment in the oil fields. Ed. Futch went to Wichita Falls where he will accept a position.

Mrs. Fannie Johnson left Thursday for Bonham, where she will spend a couple of months with her daughter, Mrs. Eugene Hisser.

Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

"I took four bottles," Mrs. Jones goes on to say, "and was not only greatly relieved, but can truthfully say that I have not a pain. . ."

"It has now been two years since I took Cardui, and I am still in good health. . . I would advise any woman or girl to use Cardui who is a sufferer from any female trouble."

If you suffer pain caused from womanly trouble, or if you feel the need of a good strengthening tonic to build up your run-down system, take the advice of Mrs. Jones. Try Cardui. It helped her. We believe it will help you.

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On and after February 1, 1919, we have no delivery, except to hotels, restaurants and boarding houses, and have no accounts. It will be CASH—No credit.

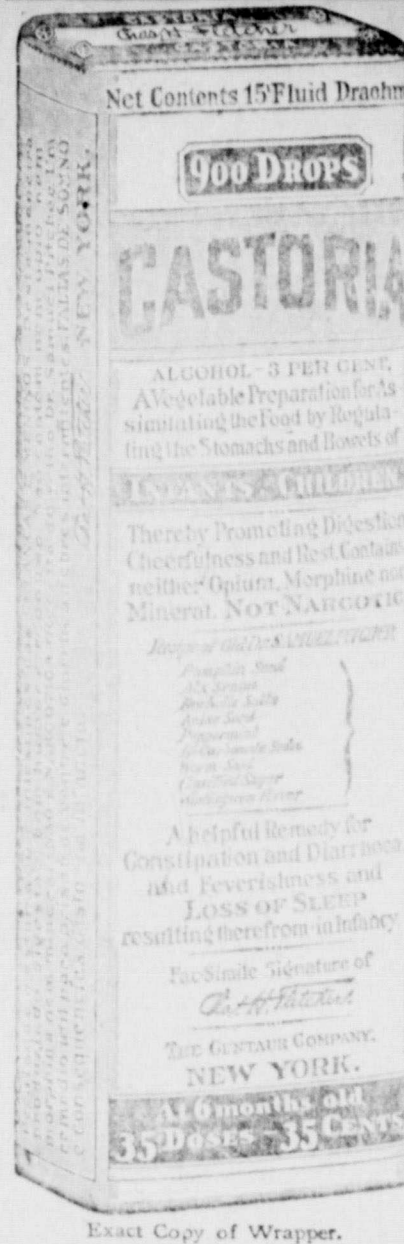
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By virtue of an affidavit made before J. S. Seidel, Justice of the Peace precinct No. 7 in and for Runnels County, Texas, and by authority given under articles 7248A and 7253 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, in such cases made and provided, I have impounded the following described stock: to-wit: One bay horse about fifteen hands high and branded C. V. on left shoulder, about ten years old, one iron grey horse about fifteen hands high, no brand about three years old, one iron grey horse about fifteen hands high, no brand, about four years old. This stock was found roaming on and along the public highway near Rowena, Runnels County, Texas, and no owner can be found therefor.

Therefore, to me as Constable directed, and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law on Tuesday, Feb. 11, A. D. 1919, the said above described stock as aforesaid, at public vendue to the highest bidder at Rowena, Runnels County,

Texas for cash to satisfy feed bill, court cost, etc., the remainder of which is to be disposed of as the law directs, if any amount is received over and above expenses.

Given under my hand this the 30 day of January, A. D. 1919.

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Daily Ledger Want Ads

WANTED—Agent wanted to sell the only official History of the world War. One volume, 800 pages. 200 illustrations, official maps and documents. Introduction by General Peyton C. March, Highest officer in U. S. Army. General Pershing's own story. Great money maker. \$25 to \$40 a day easily made. Book sells at \$3.00—your profit \$1.20. Send \$2.00 money order or stamps to cover cost of postage for actual books to sell with. Money refunded if not satisfied. Big premiums. One volume given free with every 15 books sold. Get busy. Act quickly. Territory going fast. Sells on sight. Profits almost unbelievable. Earl Cummings, of Charlevoix, Michigan sold 40 books in 5 hours. James Shearer, North Dakota, 72 books in 2 days. Liberty War Book Association, 1826-28 Panobscot Building, Detroit, Michigan. 27 6td

WANTED—Address of J. S., or S. R. Graves. Left Round county about seven years ago. Notify Ledger office dit

FOR SALE—1500 gallons Pure Ribbon Cane Molasses at Ludwig's Grain Store. James Cates. 31 3d 3tw.

B. J. Clayton was in the city Wednesday from his ranch in the Benoit country.

FORMER BALLINGER GIRL DIES AT BROWNWOOD

Margaret Snow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snow, formerly of San Angelo, died Saturday morning at two o'clock at Brownwood, monia. Burial was made in Gheen a victim of influenza and pneumonia cemetery there Saturday afternoon. Rev. R. R. Rives officiating.

Margaret Snow was born in San Angelo October 9, 1915, and moved to Brownwood with her parents more than a year ago. Many friends here sympathize with the members of the family in their bereavement.

Mr. and C. L. Snow of San Angelo went to Brownwood Saturday and attended the funeral—San Angelo Standard.

The Snow family lived at Ballinger for several years, moving from here to Brownwood. Mr. Snow was manager of the Texas Oil Co., at this place.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

Before using this preparation for a cough or cold you may wish to know what it has done for others. Mrs. O. Cooke, Mason, Ill. writes, "I have found it gives the quickest relief of any remedy I have ever used." Mrs. James A. Knott, Chillicothe, Mo., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cannot be beat for coughs and colds." H. J. Moore, Ovid, Pa., says "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on several occasions when I was suffering with a sore throat and upon the chest and it has always brought about a cure."

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In a letter to his sister, Miss Ruth Skinner, James Skinner writes from Berncastle, Germany, under date of Dec. 24th, as follows:

"We are now located indefinitely at this place in Germany (population about 4000 or 5000) on the Moselle river south of Coblenz. Just opposite me across the river and on the side of a mountain is the ruined castle of Berncastle, built about 1250, or over 750 years ago. Partly destroyed in the 15th century and reconstructed later, but now in a poor condition. The turret must be about 150 feet high from the ground and it has a deep dungeon below it. At one time in modern years a beer garden flourished in a 'Jesuit' on the main edifice, but now all is deserted.

"Many acres of grapes are growing on these mountains that would be goat pasture in America. We climbed the mountain this morning (Sadler Camaek and I) and had to rest twice before we reached the top. People here have beautiful stores, artistic show windows and fine show cases, but nothing to eat for sale. Everything is on the card system, with a great scarcity of fats, sugar, flour and in fact all staples. Hardware and furniture, toys and knick-knacks are very plentiful.

"The Y. M. C. A. has promised to give each man in the A. E. F. a Christmas package tomorrow, (probably a bar of chocolate, cigarettes, package of matches or cakes) but we will have to line up for it and wait several hours for our turn. Some will make the line twice and get some man's share that will be lazy or simply unfortunate.

"I haven't seen a newspaper in over a week and it was a week old then, whereas I used to see about fifteen dailies a day and read the telegraph before it was printed (in the Ledger office) so I'm getting behind with the world and when I get back it will take me six months to catch up with the times. These people over here are a hundred years behind the United States in everything."

Under date of Dec. 17th, James writes his mother, saying:

"As you probably guessed, I am now in Germany. Have been in both Belgium and Luxembourg, and I want to be in America. It was only a small corner of Belgium that we passed through, but we crossed (hiked) to Luxembourg (Luxemburg, the natives call it) passing through the city of the name, Rodange, Remich and one other town I forgot the name of. The people there are little affected by the war, except for high prices, possibly made more acute by American tourists" with "huon" money. I went into a little shop one night at Rodange, and tried a mixture of French and German in trying to make myself understood, when all of a sudden the lady began spitting English at me. She had been in Liverpool. People in Luxembourg speak a little of Belgian, French, English, German and besides their own language. One girl spoke Luxem-



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husian, German, French, Belgian, Dutch and Italian. But she could not speak English. She claimed to be an Italian.

"We are now ready and anxious to come home but doesn't look like we are going to get to leave for home for a long time tho. Get busy and tell your congressman to get the 90th Division home right away—"for the good of the Texas-Oklahoma crops," or anything, just so we can come home.

"Yes, I believe I told you I saw Troy and Diaz, Roy and K. V., I see every day now in the chow line and Roy is looking better than he ever did, but K. V. still looks pretty thin, but seems to be gaining. I thought of sending a cable after the armistice, but the Y. M. C. A. was too far away and the toll too high for a soldier."

Cured at a Cost of 25 Cents

"Eight years ago when we first moved to Mattoon, I was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation," writes Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill. "I had frequent headaches and dizzy spells, and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on my stomach and chest all the time. I felt miserable. Every morsel of food distressed me. I could not rest at night and felt tired and worn out all the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets cured me and I have since felt like a different person."

Mrs. Will Speers, of Winters who had been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chapman the past week, returned home Wednesday afternoon.

MEDICINES USED BY MONKS

It is claimed that Monks of ancient days knew of more than three hundred species of medicinal plants used in general for medicines by these religious orders. While centuries have passed, with all the advance made in medical science, many of our most successful remedies are today made from the roots and herbs of the field, like the good old fashioned remedy Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which for more than forty years has been relieving Women from some of the worst forms of female ills, and is now considered the standard remedy.

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IN

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MAKING EFFORT TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT

The legislature is working out a new blue sky law, which, if it serves the purpose, will protect the men of small means who falls for the get rich quick oil schemes and invests his money or her savings in some worthless joint stock oil company. The senate committee is working out the bill and is speeding up on it in an effort to stop the floating of millions of dollars of worthless oil and other stocks in Texas.

At the present time practically every town and community in Texas is being worked by companies which will never pay the investors a cent in return, or return the money invested by small wage earners who have become crazed by the get rich quick stories going the rounds about some fellow who became a millionaire within a few hours, after living in poverty for a life time.

One of the favorite methods being carried out by the organizers of get rich quick schemes, is for a number of men to pool issues and buy a small tract of land some where near the oil field. These men would then form a joint stock association and turn over to the association a few acres

of this land, naming themselves as trustees, and proceed to issue \$150,000 worth of stock. They would offer for sale \$70,000 worth of the stock and keep \$80,000 worth. They would use some of the \$70,000 to prospect for oil. If they struck oil they would be made rich by the remainder of the land surrounding that which they turned over to the joint stock company, and in addition would own a majority of the stock, which represented the "water" in the proposition. If they didn't strike oil the people who put up the cash were the only losers.

There are some legitimate joint companies which are incorporated under the laws of the state of Texas, and whose physical properties must be inspected by the state and approved before the charter is issued. The man who buys stock in such concern also takes a chance, but he knows what he is going into and can get a square deal or he has a come back with the law to protect him and prosecute the officials or organizers of the company who attempt to put over a crooked deal or swindle the share holders.

There are some legitimate joint stock companies, and no doubt some who invest their money in such companies will reap a rich return, but the per cent is so small that the legislature is taking steps to protect the ignorant, innocent, hard working wage earners who

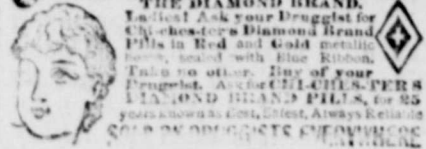
are falling victims every day.

The oil development in Texas is in its infancy and such a law will serve as a great benefit to many. Those who have a "cinch" to get rich in the oil game are the men who own the acreage, and the stock salesman. All other classes strike it once out of about every one thousand.

NEED GLASSES?

Dr. A. L. Jones, the well known eye man of Jones Optical Co., of Brownwood, Texas, will be at the Central Hotel in Ballinger, Wednesday and Thursday, February 12th and 13th 1919. See him about your eyes, headaches, and glasses. Will be at Rowena, Monday and Tuesday, 11th and 12 of February, 29 4th Itw.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS



U. S. DID NOT KNOW SECRET PACTS

Washington, Jan. 30.—The United States apparently entered the war in ignorance of the secret treaties arranged by the Allies which now constitute an obstacle to a permanent, democratic peace.

There is every reason to believe the secret treaties until months after the state department learned of the secret treaties, until months after war was declared in April 1917. It is also practically certain that when Foreign Secretary Balfour and former Premier Vinaini came here early in the summer of 1917, as heads of the British and French missions, they failed to apprise this government of the existence of the treaties—for the reason there was an understanding between the British, French Italian and Russian Governments that they should be kept under cover.

The text of the secret treaties was smuggled into the United States by a Russian sailor in January 1918. Russian residents of New York placed them in the hands of the writer. Every effort was made to give the treaties publicity. They were, in fact, published in one newspaper of limited circulation, but beyond that a general press taboo seemed to have been placed on them. Many attempts were made to convince senators and congressmen that it was their duty to put the secret treaties in to the Congressional Record but they contended either that it was "impossible" or "unpatriotic." It is not believed that even today a score of senators and congressmen have read the secret treaties in their entirety.

Representatives of Allied countries have been quoted as saying there are no binding secret treaties but only informal memoranda. The British, French, Italian Russian, and the new Jugo-Slav nation shall control Dalmatia and the eastern coast of the Adriatic.

History seemingly proves that whenever a group of nations gets together with the purpose of massing such preponderance of force

that the rest of the world will be cowed into peace, the results has been the exact opposite. For instance, in 1882, under Bismark's leadership, Germany, Austria and Italy formed the Triple Alliance, sian treaty, however, is by no means an "informal memoranda." On the contrary, it is a binding contract sealed and delivered in London, April 26, 1915, and generally referred to as the 'London Pact.' It was signed by Grey for Great Britain, Camon for France, Imperiali for Italy and Beneckendorf for Russia. It is the contract setting forth the price to be paid for Italy entering the war "with all the forces at her command." The treaty has 16 articles, which provide for vast territorial concessions to be made to Italy "under the imminent treaty of peace." "The word 'imminent' was no doubt used because at that time it was generally assumed that Italy's intervention would bring a quick and favorable decision.

The treaty is the source of at last two seemingly irreconcilable conflicts as to the peace settlement, which have sprung up since Wilson arrived in Europe. First, as to the question whether the settlement shall provide for a League of Nations, or for continuance of the old "balance of power" plans, which has proven so fertile a war breeder. And which created a combination of power dominating Central Europe from the Baltic to the Mediterranean. In 1891, France and Russia formed a dual alliance as a counter balance. Later by the addition of Great Britain, this grew into the Triple Entente. These alliances were futile and resulted in war.

Notwithstanding this, if the attitude of Clemenceau, and Orlando and even Lloyd George at times seems to call for another alliance to establish another "balance of power," the fact is not altogether surprising for Article 9 of the treaty of April 26 1915, pledges the Allies to preserve "the balance of power in the Mediterranean sea. The Mediterranean Sea, with its Gibraltar, its openings into the Adriatic and the Black Sea and the Balkans its Suez Canal, India, ing to East Africa, Persia, India, and China, is the keynote not only of the trade routes to the whole of the East. Thus, the pretensions of the Allied nations cannot fail to take issue with Mr. Wilson's League of Nations plan when by a signed and sealed contract, they are pledged to maintain a balance of power in the great strategic district of the Mediterranean.

In other words, the secret treaty of 1915 must be arrogated before a real League of Nations is possible.

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Judge J. W. Powell went to San Angelo Thursday at noon to attend a stockholders meeting of the West Texas Coal & Development Company.

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G. W. Clayton came in Thursday at noon from Ranger, where he has been engaged in business for some time.

T. S. Lankford went to San Angelo on business Thursday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Lankford and they will visit their daughter, Mrs. Roscoe DeMerville.

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J. L. Miller and Walter Brian, of Winters and E. M. Bond, of the Wingate country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Thursday and each of the gentlemen left the required amount to entitle them to the Banner Ledger.

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