

# BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER

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## Heavy Rain Delays Elms Murder Trial--Witnesses Water Bound

With rain pouring down and the streets flooded, District Judge Woodward called court to order on schedule time Monday morning to resume hearing in the Jesse T. Elms murder trial. There were less than a hundred people in the court room and very few witnesses present.

"Who'll you have on the stand gentlemen?" asked Judge Woodward.

"The State rests," said District Attorney Early.

It was not expected that the State would rest until late in the day, and probably not before Tuesday, and the announcement came as a surprise.

"Who will the defense have?" asked the court.

Counsel for the defense asked that they be given time to call the roll and see how many witnesses, and who, they had present. Out of a long list of names called four witnesses answered present.

Most of the witnesses in the case, both for the defense and the State, lived in the northern part of the county, and returned to their homes when court recessed Saturday at noon. It was announced that Elm Creek was up and the witnesses could not cross the public road crossing.

The defense announced that they were not ready to begin introducing testimony but agreed to use two witnesses for the defense, who testified as follows:

M. L. Creel: "I live at Buck, Texas. I formerly lived in the Mazeland community. I was at the home of my father-in-law's near Pumphry on the night the Elms home burned. Did not go to the scene until the following Monday (the fire was on Friday). Yes, sir, I saw some brick. I picked up some small bones and one brick with a piece of burnt flesh on it. I did not see the body before it was removed, but the brick were right around where people had been walking. Yes, I attended church regular while I lived in that neighborhood. Did not miss many times. I saw Elms at church often. Did not see Elms paying any more attention to Miss Ensor than to any one else."

"Take the witness," said the defense.

"No questions," replied the state Paul Hammond: "I live at Winters. Have known Elms for ten or twelve years. I kept a store at Wilmeth in 1909-1912. After that I run a peddling wagon three years. I stopped at defendant's house once a week. Was there for

meals and spent the night there several times. I never say anything unpleasant or disagreeable about defendant and his wife. Yes, I saw him help her with the house work."

Witness Hammond was excused from the stand without being questioned by the State.

At this point the defense announced that they could not go further until witnesses arrived, and court recessed until one-thirty Monday afternoon.

Mrs. W. A. Hall, mother of the deceased, Mrs. Rosa Elms, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Alice Blackburn, of Killeen, and another cousin, Mrs. M. F. Gilliland, of Fort Worth, are attending the trial, and occupy seats near the front at each session.

There are several brothers of Mrs. Elms here also, while the mother, Mrs. Thomas Elms, and her sister, Mrs. Davis, and two or three brothers, and other relatives of the defendant are in attendance upon court.

The noon A. & S. train Monday brought a large number of witnesses from the north part of the county, and court resumed the hearing in the Elms case at one-thirty Monday afternoon.

The first floor of the court room was practically filled when court convened with many people in the gallery, and the crowd increased rapidly and the large court room was soon filled with those hungering for sensation.

The defense plunged into the case without delay introducing number of witness throughout the afternoon, who testified as follows:

Wylie Hinds: "I live at Winters. I sold defendant Elms two cars, first in 1915 and the second in 1916.

On cross examination the State interrogated him and he said: "To the best of my recollection I sold him two cars, first time in May of 1915. My mind is not clear on selling two. I know I sold him one in 1916.

J. M. Skaggs: "I am in the dry goods business at Winters. Been in Winters ten years. I was acquainted with Mr. Elms and his wife when his house burned. I was also acquainted with Miss Alice Ensor. I went out to the place of the fire the next morning I was at the scene of the burn maybe an hour. Was there about ten-thirty. I wasn't thinking about making any examination, more sight seeing than any

thing else. Don't remember picking up anything. Gentleman I was with was scratching around in the debris, picking up some bones. I think he put them in a box. Mrs. Elms traded in my store. Every time I saw Mrs. Elms and Miss Alice Ensor together in my store they were generally together, they appeared to be friends."

No questions from the state were propounded to Mr. Skaggs.

J. A. Patterson: "I live 7 miles northwest of Ballinger. I did live in the Mazeland neighborhood, lived there nearly three years 1915-16-17. Lived mile and half from the defendant. Went to the fire before the body of Mrs. Elms was taken out of the ruins. I got a hoe and assisted in moving the body out. Mr. Tucker had a shovel removing the debris from the south side of the body. He was removing burnt cinders, pieces of plank, dishes and three or four brick. I raked the debris first from the south side of the body, and later from the north side of the body. I didn't see any brick on the body or head of Mrs. Elms. I saw some brick two or three inches from the head. There were perhaps a half dozen brick near the head. The burnt stubs of the arms were not standing out from the body. There was no counterpane on the body. I pulled off what appeared to be pieces of cloth from the face. There was a piece of linoleum under the shoulders. I was on the scene the next morning after the fire. I didn't make no examination but looked around. I saw a small "wad" of hair near where the body was lying. We picked up bones of the feet and lower part of the legs among the bricks. I didn't see any axe or pistol found near where the body was found. I saw the defendant the next day. He was weeping and moaning. I am acquainted with the Ensor family. I was a regular attendant at the church services at Wilmeth. I saw Elms and Miss Ensor leaving church one time together—the only time I ever saw them leaving together. The Elms and Ensor family frequently came to church together. I never saw anything unusual occurring between Mr. Elms and Miss Ensor.

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## War With Hungary and Russia Imminent

### BAKER AND MARCH IN FT. WORTH

Fort Worth, March 24.—Secretary of War Baker and Chief of Staff March arrived here today at eleven forty, after a crowd of about thirty thousand waited three hours in the rain. They are touring the state on an inspection of the army camps in Texas.

### MEXICANS ROUTED BY U. S. CAVALRY

Marfa, March 23.—Troops of the eighth United States cavalry under Captain Kloefer returned here early today from a pursuit across the border of Mexican bandits, bringing with them thirty-five cattle and two horses which had been driven from Nunez by the raiders yesterday. Captain Kloefer reported that he had overtaken the Mexicans eighteen miles south of Ruidosa and that five of them had been killed in the resulting skirmish. None of the Americans were hurt.

Two Mexicans were wounded in the fighting, making the casualties among the cattle thieves seven of the total number of twelve. Capt. Kloefer reported to Colonel George T. Langhorne, commander of the district, that he recognized the voice of one of the men as that of Eugenio Garcia a former Carranza captain in the vicinity of Ojinaga, opposite Presido, Texas.

#### NOTICE

Members of the Woodman Circle are requested to be present Tuesday night the 25 as our district Deputy will be with us.

Guardian.

Mrs. Chester Cherry. 1td

(By United Press) Paris, March 24.—Hungary has formed a Soviet republic, and declared war on the allies. A Soviet army of seventy thousand Russian Bolsheviks under the command of General Georgey has crossed the Russian frontier and is now marching on Lemberg, which is held by the Poles. Other Russian armies are moving towards

Budapest to assist the Hungarians to fight the allied forces, which are scattered throughout Hungary. The allies have sent a fleet. All allied representatives are reported safe. The Hungarian minister wired the Russian Premier Lenin for his assistance in fighting the allies.

### ORDERS DAILY LEDGER BY WIRE

Since the Elms murder case was called for trial here last Wednesday The Ledger has received from a distance from parties placing their order for the paper.

Many parties in the north end of the county, in and around Winters, where the defendant is well known, and has many friends, and where he and his wife lived for ten or twelve years, used the long distant phone in ordering the paper sent to their address.

Early Monday morning, J. A. Thomason, phoned from Wichita Falls asking that the paper be mailed to him, and that back numbers giving an account of the trial be sent if possible.

The editions of the paper for the first two days of the trial have long since been exhausted, and an unusually large number of extra copies had to be printed to supply the demand Saturday.

Out of town papers have wired their local reporters to send by wire full reports of the case.

Due to the prominence of the parties on both sides of the case the trial is attracting more attention than any ever tried in the local courts.

### VON ECKHARDT NOW ON HIS WAY HOME

St. Louis, March 24.—Carefully guarded by a cordon of United States secret service agents, Heinrich von Eckhardt, former German minister to Mexico and Johannes Brunow, former German counsel general to Mexico, and their entourage arrived here today from Laredo, Texas and departed tonight for New York whence they are scheduled to sail the latter part of the week for a Spanish port enroute to Germany.

The former German envoys refused to discuss the league of nations, or the present revolution conditions prevailing in Germany, but Von Eckhardt said he was not apprehensive regarding his return to collapsed Germany.

With the party are Eckhardt's wife and three children and the former German minister explained that, before returning to Germany, he and his family would remain in Holland several weeks.

The Swiss consul entered the party during its few hours stay here.

Mrs. J. F. Currie left for San Angelo, Saturday afternoon where she went in response to a message that relatives were seriously ill.

## Best March Rain in 14 Years Covers Big Country

The farmers are smiling.

The country is a sheet of water and the frogs have come to life. The heaviest rain to fall in the month of March began with daylight Monday morning. A little hail accompanied the rain in some localities, but not sufficient to do any damage.

The rain fell in torrents and it fell slow. There was little let-up throughout the forenoon Monday, and at 1:00 p. m. the gage registered near the two inch mark, and the rain was still falling.

The good season is the best in March since 1905 when 4.54 inches fell during the month. Another good March rain was in 1900 when 1.84 fell and '97 March 2.62 fell. 1.40 fell in March 1908. All the other March months for the past twenty-five years have been dry months.

The grain crop is practically insured, as the present season puts it over the danger period and gives it a boost which will carry it to late in April and May when a few showers will complete the grain making. Nothing short of a calamity can prevent a grain crop now.

The rain Monday covered a large territory as shown by reports received over the West Texas Telephone Co's. long distant lines, which is as follows:

Abilene 1 20-100 inches; Benoit 1 1-2 inches; Blackwell 1 1-2 inches; Bradshaw 1 1-2 inches; Brady good rain; Bronte 2 inches; Brown wood good rain still raining; Coleman 1 inch; Concho Good rain; Crews 2 inches; Eden good rain; Chadbourne 2 inches; Hatchel 3 inches; Lealay 1 inch; Maverick 3 inches; Menard 1 1-2 inches; Miles 1 inch; Miller view good rain; Norton 2 inches; Offen 1 1-2 inches; Ovalo good rain; Paint Rock good rain; Pony 1 1-2 inches; Rowena 1 1-2 inches; San Angelo 1 1-2 inches; Santa Anna 3-4 inch; Stacy no report; Talpa 1 1-2 inches; Truitt 2 inches; Wilmeth 2 1-2 inches; Wingate 2 inches; Winters 2 inches.

### MONROE DOCTRINE INCLUDED IN LEAGUE

Paris, March 24.—An amendment to the league of nations covenant, covering the Monroe doctrine, is expected to be present to the league commissions tonight.

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**Examination for Teachers' Certificates**

The regular examination for teachers' state and county certificates will be held in the county superintendents office at Ballinger, April 4 and 5, 1919.

**Schedule of Subjects**

Friday forenoon: Physical Geography, Physiology, Composition, Arithmetic, Literature, Solid Geometry.

Friday afternoon: Texas History, Grammar, Geography, Plane Geometry, Psychology, Bookkeeping.

Saturday forenoon: Spelling, Writing, Methods and Management, Civics, Reading, Chemistry, II, of Education.

Saturday afternoon: U. S. History, General History, Agriculture, Algebra, Physics, Plane Geometry.

I shall be glad to furnish a bulletin that gives an outline of the work and notes of information concerning each subject to any one wishing to take the examination.

J. J. BUGG,  
County Superintendent Public Instructions.

**Why Colds are Dangerous**

You are often told to "beware of a cold," but why? We will tell you: Every cold weakens the lungs lowers the vitality and paves the way for the more serious diseases. People who contract pneumonia first take cold. The longer a cold hangs on, the greater the danger, especially from the germ diseases, as a cold prepares the system for the reception and development of the germ of consumption, diphtheria, scarlet fever and whooping cough. The quicker you get rid of your cold, the less the danger of contracting one of these diseases. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has a great reputation as a cure for colds and can be depended upon. It is pleasant to take.

Mrs. H. L. Wendorff returned to her home at Corsicana, Saturday afternoon, after visiting here several weeks.

**THRIFT IS POWER**

**SAVE AND SUCCEED**

**WHICH ROAD ARE YOU TRAVELLING**

There are two roads in life. One leads to a quagmire of nothingness. The other leads to success. Both are lined with sign posts to show the wary traveller in which direction he is moving. But many people go along, their eyes on the skies, on the ground, or unseeing in dreamland, never noticing that they are advancing on the wrong highway. Do you know which road you are travelling? Here are the sign posts. The end of one will find you empty-handed. The end of the other will find you with funds for a sunny opportunity—with War Savings Stamps and Liberty Bonds working for you at over 4% interest.

Spendthrift Road	Thrift Road
"This is on me."	"What is the price of this?"
"One more of the same."	"One will do."
"Lend me five."	"The walk will do me good."
"Charge this."	"No, thank you."
"Here, boy."	"I can't afford that."
"Where do we go from here?"	"Give me your best price."
"Let's have another round."	"I'll carry this."
"You can go home anytime."	"I promised my wife."
"Your money's no good."	"I need the money."
"I can't be bothered with small change."	"Let me pay my share."
"The sky's the limit."	"I can get along without this."
"I'm paying for this."	"Is it worth seeing?"
"Don't be a piker."	"This is what I've gotten for my money."
"It's all in a lifetime."	"I could, but there are more necessary things to be taken care of first."
"More where this came from."	
"Aw, come on; be a sport."	
"Money's no object to us."	

*Legislature Unanimously Urges Buying of War Savings Stamps*

Wise spending, wise saving and the buying of War Savings Stamps is the financial program suggested by the present Legislature. In fact, a resolution was unanimously passed in both the Senate and the House in which the War Savings campaign is enthusiastically endorsed. Senator W. L. Dean of Huntsville and Representative C. F. Richards of Lockhart, presented the resolution.

"The importance of the War Savings Campaign is evidenced by this action of the Legislature," said Frank M. Smith, Federal District Director for the Eleventh War Savings District. "Every War Savings Stamp bought means much more for the support of the Government. It also means that the investor is making of himself a better citizen and laying aside a reserve for emergencies."

The resolution on War Savings, passed by the Texas Legislature, follows:

"WHEREAS an intelligent thrifty and paying citizenship is the greatest guarantee of the prosperity of a Nation or any subdivision thereof; and

"WHEREAS such characteristics are a certain proof of a strong, self-reliant and independent people; and

"WHEREAS the United States Government through a nationwide educational campaign is seeking to inculcate the science of wise spending and wise saving through the practice of intelligent personal economy and conservation; and

"WHEREAS the United States Government through the War Savings Movement is urging its citizenship to attain the goal of success through the systematic and business-like saving and investment of their savings in United States Government War Savings Certificate Stamps and Thrift Stamps; and

"WHEREAS a safer and surer investment than United States Government War Savings Certificate Stamps, which constantly increase in value and which constant increase is guaranteed, cannot be had; and

"WHEREAS the flower of our State and the Nation have given their lives by the thousands upon the battlefields of France that the world

might be made safe for Democracy and the citizens of our State and Nation enjoy the blessings of world peace; and

"WHEREAS the United States Government spent of its treasure that victory might be won, believing that its people appreciate the blessings of peace to the extent that they will lend of their savings that the Victory bill may be paid and lasting peace assured; and

"WHEREAS there are still thousands of our soldiers guarding the Rhine and bearing the torch of Democracy in the snow-covered plains of Russia; and

"WHEREAS the test hour of the patriotism of our people and honor of our State is here; therefore

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Texas that the citizens of the State of Texas be urged to the practice of wise spending and wise saving that by thrift they may acquire power and by saving succeed; and further

"BE IT RESOLVED that the citizenship of Texas set itself to the practice of thrift, giving expression thereof in the acquisition of United States Government War Savings Certificate Stamps and Thrift Stamps."

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New York, March 24.—Asserting his belief that the period of the war re-construction would "either constitute the coming of the kingdom of God or result in the extinction of civilization," the Reverend Dr. Charles A. Eaton announced today his resignation of the pastorate of the Madison Avenue Baptist church to "help intercept the principles of the kingdom of God in the realm of every day life."

SURGEONS agree that in cases of cuts, burns, bruises and wounds, the first treatment is most important. When an efficient antiseptic is promptly applied, there is no danger of infection and the wound begins to heal at once. For use on man or beast, BOROZONE is the Ideal Antiseptic and Healing Agent. Buy it now and be ready for an emergency. For sale by Weeks Drug Store.

Bailey Mack left for Fort Worth Saturday afternoon, where he

goes to attend school, and will be in T. C. U.

HERBINE cures constipation and reestablishes regular bowel movements. Sold by Weeks Drug Store.

S. C. Harris, Ex-County Attorney, returned to his home in Houston Saturday afternoon, after testifying in the Elms murder trial. Judge Harris is practicing law in Houston.

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It is only natural for any woman to dread the thought of an operation. So many women have been restored to health by this famous remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, after an operation has been advised that it will pay any woman who suffers from such ailments to consider trying it before submitting to such a trying ordeal.

## CHURCH TO HONOR BALLINGER HEROES

A memorial service in honor of two of its most faithful members, Pat Williams and Walter Singletary, will be held at the Baptist church in this city next Sunday.

A most elaborated program is being arranged for the memorial service, and Dr. W. B. Adkins, the former pastor of the two young men, will come here to preach the sermon.

Dr. Adkins is now living at Hobart, Okla. It was during his work here that the two young men in whose honor the service will be held, became members of the church.

When they enlisted in the service of their country, Pat Williams and Walter Singletary were both active in church work, and a short time before saying good bye to home folks, a farewell service was held at the Ninth Street Baptist church in honor of the departing soldiers, and both of these young men took part in the service, both making a short talk.

It is a great consolation to their parents and loved ones to know that the young men were not only loyal to their country, but loyal to their church and everything that the church stands for.

The service to be held next Sunday will no doubt be attended by one of the largest crowds ever to attend a meeting at any church in Ballinger.

### A TEXAS WONDER

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### GERMAN SHIPS PUT TO SEA

Berlin, March 24.—Up to 7 o'clock this evening eighteen ships had cleared from Hamburg, including the Padicia, Santa Cruz, Cordova, Kigoma, Cleveland and Cap Finisterre.

Many other vessels are manned and coaled and ready to sail Sunday. The example of the Hamburg seaman in proceeding to sea, it is believed here will have a good effect on the other Hanseatic and Baltic seamen.

A pain in the side or back that catches you when you straighten up calls for a rubbing application of BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It relaxes the contracted muscles and permits ordinary bodily motion without suffering or inconvenience. Sold by Weeks Drug Store.

Mrs. W. A. Nance and children went to DeLeon and Comanche, Saturday where she will spend a few days with Mr. Nance who is playing the oil game in the DeLeon field.

## COUNTY DECLAMATION HERE ON MARCH 28TH

The declamation contest and the debate will be held Friday evening, March 28th at Ballinger. Unless otherwise announced the contests will be held at the Methodist Church, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

The Program Follows:  
Junior Boys.  
Junior Girls.  
Rural School Boys.  
Rural School Girls.  
Senior Boys.  
Senior Girls.  
Rural School Debate.  
High School Debate.

For the convenience of the officers of the meet and for your convenience it is asked that the contestants meet at the church at four o'clock Friday evening to be classified. Thus, if it is found necessary preliminaries may be held. The rural school contests include the schools that do not have more than three teachers and are not located in incorporated towns. The rules require that each school must enter only the contests in the division to which it belongs.

Arrangements will be made to procure judges from outside the county.

Sincerely yours,  
Ulmer Bird.

### Spelling Contest

The Spelling contest will be held in the Ballinger High School Building, Saturday, March 29th, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

Sue B. Mann,  
Director of Spelling.

## NEW YORK MUSIC TEACHER

Says 'Vinol Cures Chronic Cough' New York City, 121 Nicholas Avenue.—"I teach piano and singing and when suffering from chronic coughs, colds and bronchitis, I use Vinol as I find it cures when other remedies fail."—Henry Albers.

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## CEMETERY SEXTON'S BOOST FOR BEAUTY

Editor Ledger:

"Show me the kind of literature you read and I will show you the trend of your thoughts."—Dr. Miller.

"After you have read a book through, show me the physical condition of the book, and I will tell you your characteristic traits."—Dr. Rogers.

"After your loved ones have crossed the boarder land and their bodies are mouldering in the tomb, show me the condition of their grave. I will show you your estimation of the beautiful, not only in this life, but in the life to come."—I. F. Watson, Sexton Evergreen Cemetery.

Now, to one and all, as the state highway will soon be completed out by our little city of the dead, let us make it such a beautiful spot, that no one traveling our highway will ever have to say, "don't bury me here."

Your sexton needs your counsel, co-operation and help. Your sexton can mention many things which with a small outlay of cash would go far towards beautifying the place. I would suggest that the cross fence be moved out, the oak grove ought to be cleaned out and the trees trimmed. Grass should be set out and the place changed into a beautiful grassy park. That would be both comfort and beauty to the visitors.

If such improvements are made, some one will have to foot the

## Presbyterians Raising Big Fund



Sunday was Victory Day in the New Era Movement of the Presbyterian church U. S. A. Between the hours of two and five o'clock Sunday afternoon a campaign was carried on and an ever member canvass made to raise \$13,000,000.00 for the different benevolent boards of the church. This sum does not include the budget which was raised at the same time for the support of the local churches throughout the country. Several days ago reports stated that many churches had already gone over the top with their respective

quotas. The Eighth Street Presbyterian church of Ballinger was given a small quota, and a good part of it was raised Sunday, notwithstanding that the rain interfered with the every-member canvass. The New Era Campaign is to cover a period of five years, during which time the Presbyterian church expects to raise \$38,000,000.00 for the different branches of the church work.

Practically every other protestant church in the United States is waging a campaign along the same line.

## TOTAL AMPUTATION CASES NUMBER 3,054

Washington, March 24.—According to official advice the total "Major Amputation Cases" in the United States for the date is 3,034, of which 2,205 are arms and legs cases; and of these approximately 600 are amputations, and 1,709 are leg amputations. The remaining 726 are hands, feet and two or more fingers. Not all of these men require special training to enable them to make a living, the Federal Board for Vocational Education points out, in fact the percentage is smaller than one would imagine.

A lawyer, doctor, draftsman, bookkeeper, artist, stenographer, office man or salesman is not necessarily affected unfavorably in making a living by reason of hav-

ing lost a leg, but the loss of an arm may be a very serious matter.

Those who are in the main require re-education in account of leg or arm amputations are farmers, artisans, whose trade requires great activity, such as carpenters, teamsters, structural iron workers and the like. There are no hard and fast rules, and cannot be, for each case must be judged on its own merits, as for instance, that of a professional violinist, having lost a finger joint of his left hand, found his occupation utterly gone and had to learn to do something else for a living.

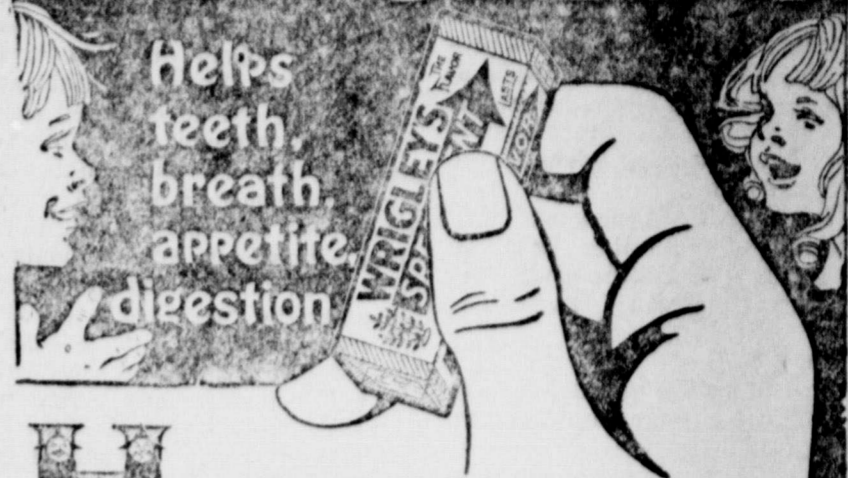
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"Every railroad ticket agent should continue to call attention to the fact that he has War Saving Stamps for sale," said J. L. Lanhester, Federal Manager for the Texas & Pacific and associated railway lines. "By reminding travelers of the Thrift Campaign the railroad agent is doing his part in making a more thrifty citizenship."

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**Heavy Rain Delays Elms Murder Trial; Witness, Water Bound.**

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On cross examination, Witness Patterson answered questions propounded to him by the State about the location of the brick, but did not change his direct answer about how far the bricks were from the body.

"You didn't tell the grand jury anything about seeing brick on the south side of the body, did you Mr. Patterson," asked the State.

"No, Sir."

"You knew the grand jury was making a thorough investigation, didn't you?"

The defense counsel objected to questioning and the court sustained.

"Tell the jury how the hair you found was matted together?"

"It was just matted together."

"Hair wouldn't melt together within its self, would it?"

"I don't know."

"Which way did that flue fall?"

"I don't know."

"You saw it didn't you?"

"Yes, Sir."

"Well, tell us which way it fell."

"It fell along by the body."

"You say you saw defendant next day?"

"No, didn't see him, I heard him."

"How did you know it was him?"

"Recognized his voice."

"Your feelings are very friendly towards defendant?"

"He is a good friend of mine."

"Isn't it a fact that you want to see him come clear?"

"Not if he is guilty."

Rev. J. L. Speer: "I live in Winters. Have known defendant Elms ten or twelve years. I am a preacher. Had charge of the Wingate church which includes the Mazeland church. I am af-

filiated with the Methodist church I was pastor of the Mazeland church four years in all. Preached there once a month. Have been in the Elms home quite a number of times. Mr. and Mrs. Elms attended my church. I was at Sunday school at Mazeland once a month. Spent the night at Elms' home. Never observed any conduct to indicate any unpleasantness between Elms and his wife. He seemed to be kind. Never observed Mr. Elms paying any undue attention to any particular lady. I saw the defendant next day after the fire when I got on the train at Talpa. I noticed that defendant's hair was scorched. I didn't notice any burns on his hands. I didn't see him with his shoes off. Frequently saw Miss Ensor and Mrs. Elms together. They seemed to be friendly.

On cross examination, states counsel asked Rev. Speer:

"Didn't you see the slightest trace of a burn on his face?" asked the state's counsel.

"I can't say that I did."

"I preached at Mazeland to 1915. I don't know what relations were between defendant and his wife after I left there."

On re-direct examination Rev. Speer said he visited the Mazeland church after he was pastor of the church.

On recross examination the states attorney attempted to get witness to say how deep the burns on defendant's hair was.

Witness said he couldn't say. Witness was excused from the stand, and Mr. Creel who was on the stand in the forenoon, was recalled.

M. L. Creel was recalled to the stand Monday afternoon and testified further about the location of brick with reference to the body of Mrs. Elms.

Dr. W. D. Sanders was called by the defense.

"I have lived at Winters about fifteen years. I am acquainted with J. T. Elms and his wife. I have done quite a good deal of practice for them."

"I treated Mrs. Elms in a spell of fever in 1912. She was sick three weeks. I visited her nearly every day. Mr. Elms was at home. I saw the Ensor family there some of them there nearly all the time."

"Did you notice Mr. Elms attitude towards his wife?"

"It was kind."

"Did Mrs. Elms ever spend and time in your home?"

"Yes, she was there three weeks in 1915, while I treated her. They were living 13 miles from my house. Mr. Elms staid at the farm. He came to my house twice, or three times a week. Came Saturday some times and spent Sunday."

"What was his demeanor to his wife," asked the defense.

"Very friendly."

"Where did Mrs. Elms go from your house?"

"She went to Temple or Killeen."

"Did you ever notice anything that would indicate any bad feelings between defendant and his wife?"

"No sir, all appeared to be happy."

"Are you acquainted with Miss Alice Ensor?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did you ever see Mrs. Elms and Miss Ensor together?"

"Yes, sir, quite a number of times."

"At this point in the trial counsel for the defense asked the witness questions tending to prove that the reputation of the defendant was good. The state announced to the court that the state would admit that the reputation of the defendant was good up to the time of the alleged crime, and there would be no contest, but the court ruled that a few witnesses would be allowed to testify as to this."

Dr. Sanders under cross examination said that he never saw Elms and Miss Ensor together.

Howell Cryer: "I went to the scene of the Elms fire the day after the fire at night. I spent about an hour there. I saw Mr. Fort dig out pieces of linoleum. Saw several people picking up different things where the fire had burned."

"Did you see Mr. Gobble or Mrs. Gobble pick up an axe?" asked the counsel for the defense.

"No, sir."

"Did you see anything else?"

"I saw some burnt bones."

"Any cinders there or brick?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did you notice any door locks?"

"No, sir."

On cross examination he said: "You were there just sight seeing?"

"Yes, sir."

"You don't know whether Mr.

Gobble found an axe or not, do you?"

"No sir."

"He might have found an axe and you did not see it."

"He might have."

**MORE RED CROSS SEWING ORDERED**

The local Red Cross has received notice, so it is reported, that another allotment of garments will be called for in the near future, and the ladies will be asked to make them up and forward to headquarters.

The report of fifty American Red Cross investigators, working among the 200,000 refugees gathered in and around Paris, shows that the need of clothing is even greater than the need of food. The needs of the hundreds of thousands who are returning to their homes in formerly occupied countries are much greater than those in the Paris district.

Red Cross investigators report that 1,240,000 were driven from their homes in Belgium and northern France. They are hastening back to the villages and farms where once was their home. They have no thought of weather, the difficulties of the journey and the privations they must endure, for only the thought of returning home occupies their minds.

From Serbia alone at least 2,000,000 people were scattered in all directions when the enemy ravaged their country. The rapid approach of the German armies swallowed up the escape of the others. At no time within the last three years have these people had clothing except what was on their back which long since, has been reduced to rags by the rough life they were compelled to live. The same story is true of Italians, Rumanians, Greeks, Poles, Slovaks and the people of Asia Minor. It is for the relief of these people that the clothing collection campaign of March 24-31 will be made in the United States. That is why Americans of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas are asking to donate their used clothing, shoes and bedding to make the 1,000 tons quota of the Southwestern Division. Clothing that has become unacceptable to Americans, thru much wear, out of style, outgrown out of season, will be of the greatest value to these people who have endured the most cruel privations and sacrifices. What Americans have given came from their surplus. What they gave has not been missed. The same will be true in this campaign. What Americans give now will be the most valued possessions of the people, that hardest most courageous of their race and the hope of the future of their countries.

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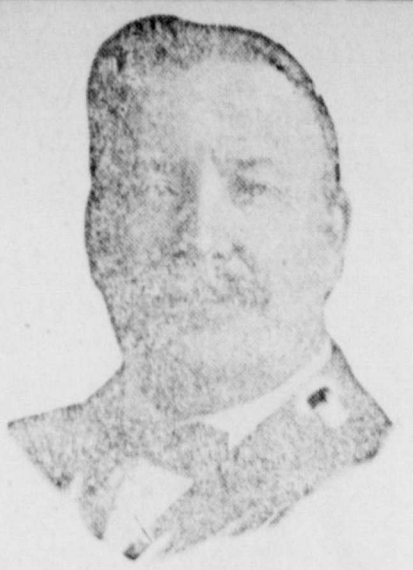
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"The people who take advantage this year of the opportunity offered them in the Government Savings campaign to acquire the habit of saving sanely and spending wisely through the purchase of War Savings Stamps will be building for future prosperity and power. Thrift is power."

"Intelligent saving looks to future wise spending and is therefore, postponed enjoyment with interest."

"United States Government War Savings Stamps are the best and safest securities that money will buy. These Treasury bonds pay four percent interest, compounded every three months. They increase constantly in value and that constant increase is guaranteed by the Government."

"There are two big reasons why every person should save and invest in W. S. S. First, it is to every one's financial interest to become the owner of as many War Savings Stamps as he can acquire. Second, there are still 2,000,000 American soldiers in France, Germany and Russia. They have to be taken care of, and money invested in War Savings Stamps will enable the Government to take care of them and bring them back home to America when they have finished the job of making worldwide peace permanent."

"This is no time for people to lay aside their patriotism, but instead a time when all of us must exhibit a higher type of patriotism than ever before. Investing in War Savings Stamps is profitable patriotism."

**WAR IS NOT OVER UNTIL BILLS PAID**

American soldiers in Europe must be fed and brought home. Until that is done the war will not be over. Julius Carter Glass, Secretary of the Treasury. Buying War Savings Stamps will help the Government in making its final settlement of war obligations.

"There are two million American soldiers in Europe," Secretary Glass points out, "and obligation is just as much on the Government today as when the guns were firing to see that they are maintained in comfort, to provide for their return home. It is just as important, and even more important, to impress upon the American people the necessity of cultivating the habit of thrift and saving."

"The war will not be over until the United States Government has honorably met every commitment made in order to win the war."

**JULIUS HAD NOTHING ON CAESAR OF TEXAS**

J. Caesar of Rome, Italy, who took everything in sight he wanted, is dead and has been for a long time, but Caesar, Texas, is just a little more alive than anything else on its section of the map.

The word "Caesar" seems to stand for action and they do things at Caesar, Texas. For one thing—they stand loyally behind their Government.

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**ALL WAR SAVINGS SOCIETIES URGED TO KEEP WORKING**

"Official statistics show that there are more than 164,000 War Savings Societies in this country and 17,500 of these are in our district," says Frank M. Smith, Federal District Director for the Eleventh Federal War Savings District, in discussing the nation-wide thrift movement.

"These Government War Savings Societies have well proved their usefulness under war conditions in the marketing of War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps. Their mission is just as important now, and will therefore be permanently continued in order to push and extend the sale of War Savings Stamps. Thrift is power. When we save, we succeed."

"We have learned that thrift is not hoarding. It doesn't mean cutting down expenses foolishly, but it does mean cutting out foolish expenses. It means spending thought before spending money. It does not require expert knowledge of the laws of finance; all it requires is common sense."

"War Savings Stamps are within the reach of anyone, no matter how small the opportunities for saving. A quarter buys a Thrift Stamp. A War Savings Stamp costs \$4.14 during March and one cent a month additional till December, when the price will be \$4.23. Each War Savings Stamp bought now will bring the owner \$5 on January 1, 1924. The rate of interest is the highest for any Government security ever issued."

"I hope every community in the district will maintain its War Savings Societies and add to their number. Everyone who is concerned in the business of living is vitally interested in Thrift and the Savings Campaign and should be a member of a War Savings Society."

"None is too poor to have a part. None so well off he can be indifferent. Thrift is good management of the business of living. The man, woman or child who has mastered Thrift is master of his fate. The people who acquire the Thrift habit are on the high road to success."

"One of the best ways to practice thrift is to practice intelligent buying. We should buy not what we think we want, but what we know we need. This kind of buying is far from miserliness. The business man will appreciate it for it means frequent turnover in staples on which they calculate accurately the demand in advance, rather than hazardous stocking up with the opposite kind of goods."

"We must save for ourselves and for our country's sake. We have saved enormously under the pressure of war, but our work is not over. We have great saving still to do. It is a certainty we can do it if, individually and nationally, we back up the Government and take an active part in 'getting ahead' by following the War Savings plan."

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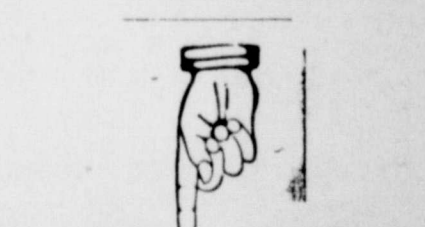
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