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The Stars and Stripes Are Floating Over Our Hero Dead In France

OIL TOWN DESTROYED BY FIRE

Reports received at Ballinger early Monday morning stated that the big fire at Ranger had practically been placed under control, but that very little of the business district was left.

The fire originated in the rear of a restaurant and rapidly spread over the business district as the new oil town had no fire protection or water with which to combat the flames. Dynamite was used in blowing up buildings and creating gaps that would stop the spread of the flames.

Only one man was killed in the fire, the remains of an unidentified man being recovered, and several persons were more or less injured. The loss is estimated to be one million dollars, but is confined to the business district, the fire not spreading to the oil fields or the storage tanks.

Fortunately several switch engines were at Ranger and these were used in moving strings of oil tank cars and freight cars from the danger zone.

For several hours after the fire broke out Ranger was cut off from the world as the telephone office was among the first buildings to be destroyed.

A few months ago Ranger was a small village of only a few hundred people. The population is now estimated at from fifteen to twenty thousand, with thousands of people living in tents. The business district was composed of practically new buildings or shacks, and due to the lack of fire protection, there was very little

Paris, March 29. (By Mail) — While decision is yet pending in Congress as to whether American dead buried in France shall be returned to America, more than four thousand men and officers are engaged in removing from isolated graves in France. It is expected that at least half of the American dead will rest in France, by the desire of their families.

In the meantime the graves registration service is digging up lonely graves prying in to shell holes and dugouts, sometimes forced to wear gas masks where poisonous gas still adheres, searching bodies for some mark identification, carry the bodies to the nearest cemetery, burying, marking and reporting them.

At Poisy on the Aisne more than a thousand isolated bodies were gathered and buried in plots of 208 graves each. When the regulation crosses were put up and gravel walks laid the work, as called for by orders, was completed. But the men engaged were not satisfied. They found a large number of iron rails, obtained cement and put an attractive fence about the cemetery. Then they went into a nearby forest, cut down the tallest, straightest tree, stripped it and painted it white. Around the base they planted flowers and from the mast swung the Stars and Stripes.

Poisy is the largest of our battlefield cemeteries; next in point of number are Natillois, Vaubecourt, Fisyres and Froides.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Tindall, of the Winters country passed thru Ballinger Monday en route to Falls County, to visit relatives and friends a few weeks. While here Mr. Tindall ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address for the ensuing year.

insurance carried in the town, the rate being almost prohibitive.

There are several Ballinger people in business at Ranger, but it is not known whether they were burned out or not, as telephone communications with that place is bad, and no reports have been received from them.

Tom Osteen is conducting a grocery store there. G. W. Clayton and son have a feed store there, and quite a number of Ballinger people are employed in various lines of work in Ranger and the oil fields near by.

MRS. VINCENT ASTOR SERVES SOLDIERS



Mrs. Vincent Astor is just asking the young man in khaki if he wants another spoonful of sugar in his cocoa as he assembles his foot at Victory Hut, the new Y. M. C. A. center opened in Battery park, at the lower end of Manhattan, New York city, for the accommodation of soldiers, sailors and marines. Mrs. Astor worked for seventeen months in a "Y" canteen at the base port of Brest, France, and knows the soldiers and sailors require plenty of sugar. She returned to New York at the end of the war, but re-entered the work when the Y. M. C. A. opened Victory Hut. Mrs. Astor is only one of a large number of wealthy women who are giving liberality of their time and means to this work, trying in some measure to give the soldier a real substitute for home.

Michigan Is Voting On Beer and Wine Today

ELECTED TRUSTEE BUT CAN'T SERVE

Following is the result of the election held last Saturday to elect three school trustees for the Ballinger Independent District:

R. W. Bruce	50
S. H. Daugherty	53
R. A. Nicholson	16
T. F. Bridwell	36
Asa Cordill	2
W. A. Bridwell	1

Bruce, Daugherty and Nicholson were the only names printed on the ticket, no other names being submitted to the secretary of the board before the tickets were printed. Opposition to the printed tickets started a quiet campaign to substitute the names of T. F. Bridwell instead of R. A. Nicholson and Mr. Bridwell's name was written on the tickets by a sufficient number of voters to elect him.

In selecting a "dark horse" to oppose the printed ticket, the opposition could have saved time, trouble and expense if they had selected a man who could have qualified for this place. Mr. Bridwell has two sisters and a sister-in-law teaching in the schools and of course cannot serve as trustee, while they are teaching in the schools. He knew nothing of the quiet campaign to elect him, or he would have stopped it in the beginning. It is an honor which he did not seek, nor can he accept.

In order to save the expense of calling another election, it is probable that Mr. Bridwell will be sworn in and immediately resign. In case of vacancy by resignation the law provides that the board can appoint some one to fill out the unexpired term. The nepotism law makes it impossible for Mr. Bridwell to serve.

As will be seen from the result of the election, there was very little interest, only a little more than fifty votes being polled out of a possible six or seven hundred in the district.

J. T. Moore received a message Saturday stating that his brother was seriously ill at his home in Williamson county, and Mr. Moore left on the afternoon train Saturday to be at his bed side. Mr. Moore is the father of Mrs. A. S. Love.

Detroit, Mich., April 7.—Michigan was balloting today on the question of reinstating light wines and beer or remaining dry.

More than 100,000 newly enfranchised women will play a large part in determining the question.

Both the wets and dries expressed confidence in obtaining the support of the women. Wets believe a majority of the women will vote in favor of the amendment, "to save the men from becoming whisky drinkers." Dries argue the women are disgusted with saloons and will vote against the resumption of manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in Michigan.

In Detroit alone 65,000 women were eligible to vote today. Political observers predicted Michigan would be voted wet. They base their calculations on expected heavy majorities in liberal centers like Detroit and other of the larger cities.

While the electors were also to select judges of the supreme court and other States, county and municipal officers chief interest centered on the wine and beer amendment.

LIGHTNING DESTROYS BED; SLEEPERS ESCAPE

(Miles Messenger)
Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Mills, who live eleven miles north of the city had a very exciting experience on last Saturday night. Between eleven and twelve o'clock lightning struck the house in which the family live. The current came down a stove pipe in the room where Mr. and Mrs. Mills slept. It did some damage to the stove, then jumping to a chair that had some wire wrapped about it, burning it off. From the chair it went to the bedstead on which they were sleeping. The current struck the foot of the bedstead, which is wood, and followed the iron frame of the springs to the head of the bed, tearing off the look and splintering the post into kindling wood. From the bed it went through the wall, making a hole twelve inches in diameter. Mrs. Mills had some of her clothing under her pillow, which were torn full of holes. No one was hurt, but Mr. Mills says he has not slept in that bed since.

Easter Peace Is More Promising; Wilson Another Day In Bed

DRAFT OBSTRUCTORS MUST GO TO PEN

Dispatches from New Orleans state that the United States Circuit Court of Appeals has affirmed the sentences of G. T. Bryant, Z. L. Risley and S. J. Powell, convicted in the Federal Court at Abilene about eighteen months ago of conspiracy to hinder the Government in carrying out of the selective service draft law.

Bryant, Risley and Powell were leaders in the Farmers and Laborer's Protective Association in Texas and were indicted along with thirtyseven other members of the organization for alleged attempts to obstruct the wheels of the draft machinery.

Few cases that have been tried in West Texas aroused more interest than the trial of the three men. They were found guilty by a jury and the court fixed their punishment at six years imprisonment. The other defendants were acquitted.

Bryant was State organizer, Risley, president and Powell, secretary of the association.

"That the defendants conspired to overthrow, put down and destroy by force the Government of the United States and to levy war against it," was the specific allegations of the indictment on which they were found guilty.

It is a part of the record in the case that plans were made at meetings of the association to kill draft officers; that members were urged to buy high-powered rifles, that it was proposed to blow up railroads and take charge of telephone and telegraph lines as a means of retarding the progress of the government in raising and moving an army.

In the testimony it developed that the Ciseo convention held in May, 1917, in discussing the methods of carrying out open revolt

Paris, April 7.—Prospects for peace to prevail by Easter is brighter today. England and France have practically agreed as to the indemnities to be demanded of Germany. The United States is ready to submit the preliminaries of the treaty to the Germans.

President Wilson's condition today shows improvement, although Dr. Grayson has ordered him to remain in bed throughout the day. He expects to be able to return to the peace conference tomorrow.

Paris, April 6.—All Paris seems imbued today with the idea that Easter will find the conference ended, either successfully or unsuccessfully, and many newspaper and leaders who have been doubtful about the successful outcome are apparently less gloomy about the prospects. The sunshiny weather for the past four days has undoubtedly made a considerable change in the psychology of the conference, the members of which have been greatly distressed by a month of rain and cloudiness.

against conscription, a speaker had said:

"The President of the United States will disappear during the uprising."

An explanation of this threat was that it was not intended to kill President Wilson but to seize and hold him as a captive.

Announcement comes from New Orleans that the three men are to be sent to Leavenworth.

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LOGICAL LINE OF REASONING

Joe Bailey says that President Wilson is a Socialist and to prove the assertion alleges that forty per cent of those who voted for Debs in 1912 voted for Wilson in 1916. It is not to Mr. Wilson's discredit that he thus won the support of forty per cent of the Socialist vote; rather, it is to the credit of the nation that that many Socialists saw the error of their ways and made public acknowledgement by voting for Mr. Wilson. Isn't that a logical line of reasoning?—Brownwood Bulletin.

If Mr. Bailey should submit his name to the voters of Texas again, he would no doubt find that about ninety per cent of those who voted for him the last time his name

was on the ticket, have changed their minds on political issues. However, the change would be due to what Bailey stands for, and not to the discredit of the democratic power.

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FORTY-THREE MEN, TEN WOMEN, DIE IN "Y" SERVICE OVERSEAS

Sacrifice Proportionately One-Quarter as Great as That of Army—Sixty-Three Decorated.

The Y. M. C. A. carried the Red Triangle into the camps and trenches abroad at a cost of fifty-three lives, a sacrifice proportionately one-quarter as great as that of the American army, according to a statement issued today by the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A. Of these fatalities thirty-five were due to disease, and the remainder to shell-fire, bombs, gas-fever, drowning and wounds. Ten of these were women, one of whom was killed by shell fire and the other in a German air raid.

There were also fifty-five non-fatal casualties. These were due principally to machine gun fire, gas, shell fire, and motor transport accidents. Numerous cases of slight wounds and sprainings which were attended at dressing stations, but were not reported to headquarters, are not included.

These casualties occurred in a force which at no time exceeded 9,000 workers, of whom it is reckoned that more than one-half were never sent to the front, being employed in the hundreds of huts maintained throughout the training areas and the "leave areas."

Sixty-three "Y" workers were decorated, while in all more than 152 received official recognition or distinguished service. Thirteen of these were decorated with the Croix de Guerre, while forty-eight received other decorations. Of these three received the Distinguished Service Cross, three the Order of St. Stanislaus; five the Italian Cavaliere del Corona; thirty-eight the Italian War Cross, and one the French decoration of the Corps d'Armee. Seven were cited for the Croix de Guerre, and seven for other decorations, six commended for meritorious conduct, and twenty-nine received honorable mention in dispatches. Several units were cited in their entirety, those serving with the Third division being cited twice. More than a score more reported decorations have not yet been confirmed.

Not one of these men under thirty was fit for military duty, but the citations show that they carried on with the same courage and spirit that identified Americans throughout the war. These records show that they went over the top with the assaulting waves, that they exposed themselves under machine gun and shell fire to minister to the wounded, that they worked indefatigably as stretcher bearers, and that they drove ambulances into the midst of battle to rescue the wounded.

Others were sacrificed in the less heroic but no less necessary work behind the lines. Among these stands out Miss Winona Martin of Rockville Center, L. L. a Y. M. C. A. secretary who was the first American woman killed in the war. She was killed by a bomb during a German air raid and her death made a deep impression on American minds.

Miss Martin had been in Paris only a month, but had already done valuable work in stimulating an interest among the soldiers in the Y. M. C. A. in Paris.

Miss Marion G. Crandell of Alameda, Cal., killed by shell fire near Cambrai March 26, 1918, was another of the women sacrificed in helping the soldiers.

Officials were quick to see and appreciate meritorious work, on the part of the secretaries and prompt to recognize it officially. Major General Dickman of the Third division gave a particularly strong citation of the units attached to that division, consisting of thirty-four men and six women.

A later commendation of the same units was ordered by Major General Howse.

Major General Henry T. Allen of the Ninetieth division in a letter to the Divisional Y. M. C. A. secretary said: "Two secretaries, F. A. Dawes and B. E. Ford, actually went over the top with the assaulting battalions and carried on their work in the midst of the severest losses."

The Y. M. C. A. honor roll of those who gave up their lives while helping the soldiers win the war, and of those who distinguished themselves in this work, contains the names of the following men from the Southern Military department: Dr. John H. Clifford, Tucson, Ariz., awarded Croix de Guerre; Thomas Nell Jefferson Fidon, Tex., awarded Italian Croix de Guerre; William Alsa Miller, Austin, Tex., awarded Italian Croix de Guerre.

OTHERWISE UNHURT.

Nineteen bullet holes in his hind didn't prevent one "Y" secretary overseas from going back to his task just as soon as the authorities would let him out of the hospital. That is the word received at Camp Travis by M. D. Kinkaid of "Y" 73, from Sergeant A. G. Hockersmith of the U. S. Marine corps, who at the time of writing was at Mellbach, Germany, near Coblenz. Sergeant Hockersmith says about this secretary:

"We have a dandy 'Y' secretary with us, who has just returned from the hospital. When they were in action he was a stretcher bearer. Consequently he went to the hospital with some nineteen bullet holes in him, but since returning he is as active as ever."

WINTERS NEW C.C. VERY BUSY BODY

The business men and citizens of Winters recently organized a Commercial Club, and are busy promoting the oil development industry and good roads in to that town. The C. C. will pay particular attention to good roads and to publicity which will attract trade to that town, and a man has been appointed to handle the publicity work, and a good roads committee will do everything possible to cooperate with the commissioners' court, and confer with the state highway commission in good roads matters.

Dr. Sander is president of the C. C. and C. Komegay, Fred Bedford, John Q. McAdams, H. W. Lynn and Bart Low constitute the board of directors.

Five drilling contracts have been closed in the Winters country and two derricks have been constructed, and material is on the ground for one of the other wells. News items from Winters are appearing in the state papers. In giving an account of the C. C.'s activities, the Winters Enterprise says:

"The discussion of the aims of the club developed and emphasized the fact that the entire organization is moving with the idea that the club is not solely for the good of Winters, but includes the whole Winters country in its activities. To this end the club will devote particular attention to roads leading into the city, giving the commissioners all cooperation in its power to the end that our roads be as good as they are in other parts of the county, assisting the farmers in every way possible as well as the business man in town."

A prudent mother is always on the watch for symptoms of worms in her children. Paleness, lack of interest in play, and preevishness is the signal for WHITE CREAM VERMIFUGE. A few doses of this excellent remedy puts an end to the worms and the child soon acts naturally. Sold by Weeks Drug Store.

HUNGARY KEEPS UP HER DEATH RECORD

Paris, April 7.—The rumor that the Hungarian foreign minister, Bela Kun had been assassinated had not been confirmed up to a late hour today. The Hungarian soviet government has been overthrown by a counter revolution and the new revolutionists are in charge of the government.

When you want adding machine paper, we ask that you come here and see the stock we have Guaranteed 200 feet of paper to the roll and the price is lower than you can buy it for elsewhere. As much or as little as you want. Ballinger Printing Co.

Miss Janie Schooler returned home from visiting her uncle and family, J. W. Schooler of Big Lake.

J. L. Schooler and wife and daughter, from Elk, New Mexico, are visiting his Mother, Mrs. R. H. Schooler.

A WOMAN'S TESTIMONY

Mrs. Ettie Warren, a farmer's wife of Emmittsburg, Md., openly declares how she has found health through reading a newspaper advertisement of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. So great is her relief after fifteen years of suffering that she asks to have her information published.

BOLSHEVIKS MAKING GAINS IN GERMANY

Berlin, April 7.—Dispatches received here from Munich report that the Bavarian revolution which is establishing a bolsheviki soviet government, has apparently been successful, although a majority of the socialists are opposing the sovietists.

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Watch for them.

IT PAYS YOU IN SATISFACTION. When a merchant asks you to come to his store he obligates himself to sell you quality goods "as advertised." You have a right to expect satisfaction from what you buy and you get it.

IT PAYS YOU IN TIME SAVED. When you know exactly what you want to buy and where you want to buy it, you don't have to "look around" and waste time finding it.

Don't you want to save money and time?

Wouldn't you like to be sure of getting satisfactory service and quality good every time you go to a store? Then read the advertisements and patronize the stores which can serve you best.

Can You Afford It? Afford What?

TO DRIVE YOUR CAR without having it looked over by a man who knows how to keep it in good running shape. P. H. Connor, who is now located at the OLD ROCK STABLE STAND, at the intersection of Hutchings and 10th Street can give you good service and at prices that will make your pocket look like "something" when he does the job.

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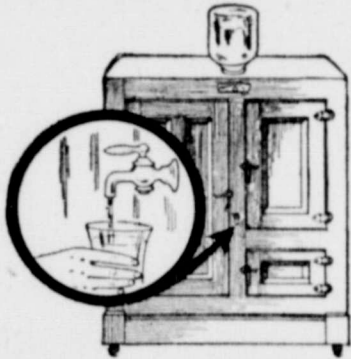
Look beyond the cost price when you buy a refrigerator

A refrigerator has more than one price. The price you PAY is only the beginning of expense. The ICE Cost is the BIG cost that will equal or exceed the first cost every year, if you buy a cheap ice eating refrigerator.

It Pays to Pay the Price of the

Automatic Refrigerator

For it is so well built, with its eight, honest built walls, and it is so saving of your ice that it pays the additional cost over a cheap refrigerator the very first season. At the same time it keeps food so much tastier. Its automatic circulation prevents flavor mixing. Its built-in water cooler insures plentiful supply of ice cold water at all times, without a penny's extra ice cost. If you don't investigate the Automatic before you buy, you'll regret it. We're glad to show it without obligation.



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On Tuesday of this week, Mason county let a contract for the construction of 25 miles of highway, to extend from the town of Mason to the Gillispie county line. The contract was awarded to the Alamo Construction Co., of San Antonio, and we are told the consideration was \$51,000.00 or a little more than \$2,000 per mile. The highway will be in accordance with government specifications and will be first class in every particular. We are advised that the contract addition to calling for road construction provides for more than 11,000 yards of concrete. The County receives both state and federal aid in their undertaking.—Menard Messenger.

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F. W. Turner returned to his home at Santa Anna, Sunday afternoon, after visiting friends here.

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Mrs. G. C. Greenwood returned to her home at Fort Worth, Saturday afternoon, after a visit to her sister Mrs. J. A. Reese.

Feb. McWilliams, tick inspector for Coleman county, spent Sunday here with his family.

Mrs. Tom Watkins and two babies of Sweetwater, are here visiting Mrs. Watkins parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Allen.

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"BATTLE BALL," NEW GAME, MAKES HIT

Two Hundred and Fifty Men on a Side—Invented by Army "Y" Man.

Military officials at the head of the Camp Travis athletic council, Camp Travis, Tex., are much interested in a new game of mass athletics which is the invention of Lu Ringsmith, an Army Y. M. C. A. secretary. The game combines much of the science of rugby football, soccer ball, volley ball and basket ball, and games have been played at Camp Travis with as many as 300 men on a side.

Using five ordinary footballs and an ordinary football field, with goal posts at the ends, the game brings into play a "skirmish" line and a "defense" line of players. The balls are placed on a line at the center of the field, and at a given signal the "skirmishers" race up to be the first to kick the ball. It is then kept in play by kicking, throwing as in forward pass in football or passing in basket ball—the aim of each side being to get all five balls through the opponent's goal posts or over the goal line. To get the ball through the goal posts means a score of four, but to get it over the goal line means a score of two.

Maj. J. S. Leonard, head of the military athletic council of the camp, has become an enthusiastic booster for the game, and it is likely that the game will be carried to other places as the men leave Camp Travis. Organized teamwork in this, as in other games, which the Y. M. C. A. steadily encourages, wins out and this has been proved by the progress made by the Thirty-fifth infantry team, which has won the championship of Camp Travis. "Team" is hardly the word, for with 250 men on a side, the "battle" of "battle ball" becomes very realistic when the game is on.

HIGH WATER FOR PAINT ROCK

Quite a few of our townsmen have refused to pay the raise in the price of water that Mr. Norman, the Concho Water Works Co.'s manager, has announced to go into effect on the first of this month. Mr. Norman decided to cut off those who refused to pay a committee at a citizen's meeting Tuesday (was) appointed to see a lawyer to determine what steps were necessary to secure water independent of the Concho Water Works Co.—Paint Rock Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. N. K. Freeman, of Rowena, Misses Maggie and Eva Lilly, of Norton and Mr. and Mrs. Will Legg, of Crews were shopping in the city Saturday.

Don't worry about what you will have for dinner Sunday; try one of Ward's Sunday Specials.

W. H. Rainwater, of Crews and M. T. Hensley, of Wingate and Jake Stubblefield, of Norton, were among the visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

W. T. Little, of the Norton country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and while here ordered the Banner-Ledger to his address for the ensuing year.

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 Kind You Have Always Bought

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

Tom Friason and W. P. King, of the Crews country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

Go to church and then go to Ward's Cafe for a special dinner.

S. A. Epperson, of Rock Springs, Texas, after a visit of ten days with his daughter, Mrs. D. F. Eaton of this city returned to his home Monday morning. He likes the Ballinger country very much and said it looked like prosperity in this country.

Jas Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Webb, of the Pony Creek came in a day or two from Fort Sill, where he had received his honorable discharge from the army. He and his brother met up together en route home and this was the first meeting of the brothers in ten years, as James had not been home for that long a time.

Mr. Walters, who had been in the Brownwood oil fields the past several months, returned to Ballinger Saturday and will make this his home with his sister Mrs. W. D. Moody and family.

W. H. Westbrook, who had been visiting his parents and other relatives in Ballinger the past month left Saturday afternoon for his home in Wyoming.

25 lb. sack Sugar only \$2.59, The Globe Store. 4 3td

Mrs. H. A. Bradley, of the Crews country, was shopping in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

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**ADMIRAL RETIRES
AFTER 48 YEARS**



Photo by American Press Association.
Rear Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher.

New York, April 7.—Rear Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher commandant of the Third Naval District, was today placed on the inactive list and retired from the navy after nearly forty-eight years of service.

Admiral Usher reached the age limit—sixty-four—today and when he goes "off watch" for the last time he will have behind him one of the longest "continuous service" records of any officer or man in the navy.

His present plans are to retire to his home in Potsdam, N. Y. He is a native of Indiana, having been appointed to the U. S. Naval Academy from that state.

Rear Admiral James H. Glennon, former commandant at the Puget Sound Navy Yard, succeeds Rear Admiral Usher here, while Captain Harry A. Field will take charge of the Pacific station.

Prior to his appointment as commandant of the Third District in September, 1916, Admiral Usher was commandant at the Norfolk Navy Yard, having been assigned to land duty permanently after successively commanding the fourth, second and third Divisions of the Atlantic Fleet.

He was appointed to his present rank September 14, 1911, and immediately after was assigned to the presidency of the Naval Examination Board, later giving up the appointment to return to sea service.

During the Spanish American war Admiral Usher was in command of the torpedo boat Errison then stationed in Florida waters and the first vessel to bring the news of the sinking of the Maine in Havana Harbor.

DAUGHTER ALWAYS TIRED

Mother Says Vinol Built Her Up and Completely Restored Her Health.

Long Island City, N. Y.—"My daughter is a milliner and she got into a rundown condition, pale and had no appetite. After other medicines failed to help her, Vinol gave her a good appetite, built her up and completely restored her health."—Mrs. H. Ott.

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**TWO LADIES HURT
BY RUNAWAY HORSE**

Mrs. W. E. Clifton had a narrow escape last Saturday morning from death. She and her daughter, Miss Gladys, were in the pasture, riding in the buggy hunting the milk cows, when the horse became frightened and ran, throwing both ladies out. Mrs. Clifton received a strain on the neck and one ear was badly torn. Miss Gladys was run over by the hind wheels of the buggy, but was not hurt. Mrs. Clifton was not seriously injured, though she made a narrow escape—Paint Rock Herald.

**TROUBLE MAKING
CANTEEN TAKEN
OVER BY PERSHING**

Grants Earnest Request of Y. M. C. A. Head—Did Better Than Expected, Says General.

Chattanooga (Special).—At the earnest request of E. C. Carter, general overseas secretary of the Army Young Men's Christian Association, General Pershing has officially taken over the army canteen, and in the future all exchanges, or "canteens," will be operated by the military instead of the Y. M. C. A., as was the ages-old custom before the present war. In replying to Mr. Carter's request, General Pershing says that as the reasons which impelled him to request the Y. M. C. A. to undertake the canteen work no longer exist, he is glad to approve Carter's suggestion. The general thanks the Y. M. C. A. for the manner in which it handled the canteen, declaring that, "handicapped by shortage of tonnage and land transportation, the Y. M. C. A. has by extra exertion served the army better than could have been expected, and you may be assured that its aid has been a large factor in the final great accomplishments of the American army."

According to Y. M. C. A. officials and investigators of recent criticism coming from overseas, the canteen has been the cause of nineteen-twentieths of the organization's trouble. In his letter to Mr. Carter, General Pershing declares that "the Y. M. C. A. undertook the management of the post exchanges at my request at a time when it was of the greatest importance that no available soldier should be taken away from the vital military functions of training and fighting." Y. M. C. A. men everywhere are sure that with the canteen in the hands of the army, all criticism of the organization's overseas work will cease, because of the impossibility of a civilian organization, handicapped as the Y. M. C. A. has been, operating such a mammoth mercantile enterprise as the post exchange business proved to be.

General Pershing's letter to Mr. Carter follows in full:

"My Dear Mr. Carter:

"I have received your letter of January 29 asking whether in view of the present changed situation it would be possible for the army to assume full responsibility for the maintenance of post exchanges throughout the American expeditionary force. As you correctly state, the Y. M. C. A. undertook the management of the post exchange at my request at a time when it was of the greatest importance that no available soldier should be taken away from the vital military functions of training and fighting. As the reasons which impelled me at that time to request you to undertake this work no longer exist, I am glad to approve your suggestion. In reaching this decision consideration has been given to the new burdens in connection with the entertainment and athletic activities and the education that you have assumed. I have accordingly given directions that army units themselves take over and operate their own post exchanges. In making this change permit me to thank you for the very valuable services and assistance which the Y. M. C. A. has rendered to the American expeditionary force in handling these exchanges. Handicapped by shortage of tonnage and land transportation, the Y. M. C. A. has by extra exertion served the army better than could have been expected, and you may be assured that its aid has been a large factor in the final great accomplishments of the American army.

"Cordially yours,
(Signed) "JOHN PERSHING."

**ENOUGH BALLS TO RUN
LEAGUES 347 YEARS**

Also 52 Miles of Bats—Furnished American Troops by Y. M. C. A.

On the basis of there being played 150 games for the season and allowing five new balls for each game, enough baseballs have been furnished the American troops by the Army Y. M. C. A. to run the National League and the American Association for 347 years. Allowing two new balls for each game, there were enough baseballs to play a series of 25 sand-lot games for 7,143 clubs.

There were 255,955 baseballs bought and shipped by the "Y" from July, 1917, to November 30, 1918, for the use of one army. Side by side they would reach 18 1/2 miles, and would make a solid fence of baseballs six feet high for three-fourths of a mile.

Over 100,000 bats were also furnished. Pinned end to end, they would reach 52 miles. End to end in the air, they would rise to ten times the height of the highest mountain in the world, or be equal in height to 508 Washington monuments one on top of the other. If these were made in this fashion into one long bat, a man with the build and elbow grease of a giant could stand in your town, swing the bat and hit everything in a radius of 52 miles.

Among other things furnished our boys by the Y. M. C. A. for the carrying out of the national sport were 2,329 baseballs, 1,120 catcher's mitts, 4,965 fielder's gloves, 4,966 masks, 300 bats, 789 home plates, and 2,713 in-gloves.

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Helps appetite and digestion. Three flavors.

SEALED TIGHT KEPT RIGHT

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, cures weak and lame back, rheumatism, and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggist.

Jas. Baron, of Wingate, J. B. Carleton and G. W. Caswell, of the Maverick Norton country were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

E. B. Warmack, Ollie Steele, the Norton postmaster, and E. P. Jones of the Valley Creek country were looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday.

To have a fine healthy complexion, the liver must be active, the bowels regular and the blood pure. All this is brought about by using **HERBINE**. It thoroughly scours the liver, stomach and bowels, puts the body in fine condition and restores that clear, pink and white complexion so much desired by ladies. Sold by Weeks Drug Store.

Miss Agnes Globber left Saturday afternoon for Dallas, where she goes to visit her brother, August Globber and family for a few days.

H. Clement, returned to his home at New Braunfels Saturday afternoon, after spending several days here looking after his farm.

How Diphtheria is Contracted

One often hears the expression: "My child caught a severe cold which developed into diphtheria," when the truth was that the cold had simply left the little one particularly susceptible to the wandering diphtheria germ. If your child has a cold when diphtheria is prevalent you should take him out of school and keep him off the street until fully recovered, as there is a hundred times more danger of his taking diphtheria when he has a cold. When Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given it quickly cures the cold and lessens the danger of diphtheria or any other germ disease being contracted.

Judge W. D. Jennings came down from Miles, Saturday afternoon.

**CREASY SHIPS FILER
TO IMPERIAL VALLEY**

R. B. Creasy left for Shreveport, La., Saturday afternoon, and on the same train went one of his improved filer machines, where Mr. Creasy is placing the machine for a large cotton oil mill company.

On Friday afternoon before leaving for Shreveport, Mr. Creasy shipped by express one of his filers to Imperial Valley, California. This is the greatest distance from Ballinger that one of the Creasy machines has been shipped by express, and it was ordered by wire. The Creasy Filer is attracting the attention of the gin and oil mill men all over the country where the cotton industry is carried on, and the local Creasy plant is kept busy filling orders. The demands for the machine is shown to some extent when orders received by wire call for express shipment such a great distance.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

The great benefit derived from the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been gratefully acknowledged by many. Mrs. Benjamin Blackeney, Decatur, Ill. writes: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is by far the best medicine for colds and coughs we have ever used in our family. I gave it to my children when small for croup and have taken it myself."

Irish Republic to Have Envoys

Dublin, March 18. (By Mail)—With a view to establishing accredited envoys in foreign countries, and equipping them with the means to place the case of Ireland before the nations of the world, the Irish Republic has issued an appeal to the Irish nation for the creation of a "National Self Determination Fund," in order that "we may carry to triumph the work for which we have been elected."

Professor John MacNeill, M. P. for Derry City, founder of the National Volunteers and one of the leaders of Sinn Fein, stated that the National Assembly will send accredited envoys to all foreign countries.

Mrs. Hugh Wilbourn left for Brownwood, Saturday afternoon, where she will join her husband and they will return to their home in Dallas.

**A FRIEND IN NEED
IS A FRIEND INDEED**

San Angelo, April 7.—After spending almost a month behind the bars of the Tom Green county jail, Sam Hamby of Brownwood, eighty-seven year old Kentuckian, and his Indian wife, Mary Hamby, have obtained their freedom, for the present at least.

Bonds in the sum of \$500 under which they were held on federal charges of illicitly distilling and selling whisky at Brownwood, were furnished here Friday by H. G. Eastham a prominent banker and merchant of Huntsville. The couple and their thirteen year old son, John William Hamby, departed for Brownwood on the afternoon Santa Fe, smiling a goodbye to Sheriff Allen and thanking him for the kind treatment accorded by him and his family.

The release of the confessed moonshiner and his wife forms an interesting sequel to their arrest early in March. Mrs. E. A. Eastham, mother of H. G. Eastham of Huntsville adopted Mrs. Hamby when Mrs. Hamby was a mere slip of a girl back in the north mountains of Virginia. Her parents were dead, and the Indian girl was without a home. She had been born and raised in Frederick county near Winchester. Mary Parker was the name that had been given her.

Mrs. Eastham brought her charge to Huntsville and showed her every attention, attempting to give her an education. But accustomed to life in the hills of Virginia, the Indian girl did not master reading, writing and arithmetic as quickly as her schoolmates. She disliked school and its confining atmosphere, and when about eighteen years of age she ran away.

At Fort Worth, she met and married Sam Hamby, then sixty three years old, who ostensibly was a farmer in Comanche county. Hamby, however, admits that he "still eddicker" and carted it to Fort Worth with an ox team. After her marriage to the Kentuckian Mrs. Hamby was never heard from again. Mrs. Eastham soon died and H. G. Eastham, who had been adopted by his mother was alive until he received a letter from Mrs. Hamby, written in the jail here.

When first arrested Mrs. Hamby made efforts to have Brownwood friends come here and sign her bonds under which she and her husband were held. But none came, and when the woman asked the sheriff for stationery to write to Mr. Eastham the officer paid little attention to the matter, presuming that this appeal like all others would go unheeded. But Mrs. Hamby's abiding faith in her friends, a characteristic of Indians, was not disappointed. As soon as he had received the letter, Mr. Eastham telegraphed George H. Cox, local merchant, to learn the facts in the case, and when he was told that Mrs. Hamby really was in trouble, he boarded a train for San Angelo. The release of the couple was a mere formality upon his arrival, as the Huntsville man quickly signed the bonds, amounting to \$1,000.

He talked long and earnestly with Mrs. Hamby, and upon the promise that the couple would set the down to peaceful pursuits that

**HOW MRS. BOYD
AVOIDED AN
OPERATION**



Canton, Ohio.—"I suffered from a female trouble which caused me much suffering, and two doctors decided that I would have to go through an operation before I could get well. My mother, who had been helped by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, advised me to try it before submitting to an operation. It relieved me from my troubles so I can do my house work without any difficulty. I advise any woman who is afflicted with female troubles to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial and it will do as much for them."—Mrs. MARY BOYD, 1421 5th St., N. E., Canton, Ohio.

Sometimes there are serious conditions where a hospital operation is the only alternative, but on the other hand so many women have been cured by this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, after doctors have said that an operation was necessary—every woman who wants to avoid an operation should give it a fair trial before submitting to such a trying ordeal. If complications exist, write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for advice. The result of many years experience is at your service.

do not conflict with the laws of Uncle Sam, Mr. Eastham provided the woman and her aged husband with funds. It is understood that he will go even further and will place their home at Brownwood in habitable condition and will stock their small farm on the out skirts of the town with hogs and chickens.

Although his wife, forty years his junior, is optimistic over the future, "Uncle Sam" Hamby is dubious. Ever since his eyes lost their keen vision of former days, the mountaineer says he and his family have been at the mercy of those who wished to pray on their unfortunate circumstances. If his wife's benefactor now aids them, as he is confident he will do, it will not be long, he is afraid, before the family is penniless again.

When the case against the couple will be called in federal court here is not known.

**Daily Ledger
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